THE WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness, probably rain Sunday; Monday, clearing and colder.

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NO IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN LAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS ON EUROPEAN BATTLE LINES

Fighting of a More or Less Violent Character Continues on Both Fronts—Conflicting Claims of Vantage Made by Opposing Forces—German Cavalry Victorious Over the Horsemen of the Russians.

RUSSIAN ATTACKS IN SOUTH POLAND HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL, IS REPORT

French and Germans Both Claim Advantage in the West—Apparent From Reports That Allies Have Begun an Offensive Movement, While the Germans Declare Every Attack Made Has Been Repulsed.

London, Dec. 12.—No important developments have been reported in the last 24 hours either in the Eastern or Western battles, although fighting of a more or less violent character continues. Conflicting claims of advantage are made by the opposing forces.

As an offset to the Russian claim of having checked the advance of the five German columns invading their territory, the Germans state today that their cavalry has repulsed the Russian horsemen on the East Prussian frontier; that in North Poland the German operations are developing, and that in South Poland the Russian attacks have been unsuccessful.

It is admitted in Berlin, however, that the Russian resistance is by no means broken, although, according to the German estimate, in the battles preceding the evacuation of Lods the Russians lost 150,000 men, including 80,000 captured, while the German losses were light.

There is the same disparity between French and German accounts of the battles in Flanders and France. It is apparent from both, however, that the Allies have assumed at least a partial offensive. The French announce that this movement is meeting with success, while the Germans declare the attacks of the Allies have been repulsed with heavy losses.

The general impression here is that the Allies, with artillery and occasional infantry attacks, are preparing the way for a general offensive, but in doing so are meeting with stubborn resistance from the Germans, who are firmly established in entrenched positions. The advance, if it is possible, must therefore be slow.

The Servians continue to claim successes. The Austrians tried to stem defeat by sending a force from Belgrade southward against the Servian right wing, but this army like that retreating westward, suffered heavily.

The Pope's plea for a Christmas truce has failed, though a majority of the powers received it sympathetically. Berlin declares Russia would not consent to the truce as the Russian Christmas does not fall on the same day as that of the other countries.

Rumors persist that the German cruiser Dresden, one of the squadron which was defeated by the British squadron in the South Atlantic either has been sunk or has sought refuge in a neutral port. There is no confirmation of this report and confidence that she will be caught is shown by the betting on Lloyds, which was 25 to 3 that the Dresden would be rounded up by January 1st.

RUSSIAN LOSSES HEAVY.

Including Killed and Captured Battle of Lods Cost Them 150,000 Men.

Berlin, Dec. 12. via London—The fighting that preceded the German capture of Lods, Poland, cost the Russians 150,000 men in killed, wounded and captured, while the German losses were comparatively small, according to a statement today by the official press bureau.

"The evacuation of Lods took place secretly in the middle of the night and remained unnoticed by us at first, but it was the result of the previous three days' battles," says the bureau's statement.

"In these engagements the Russians suffered severely from the fire of our artillery. The trenches evacuated by them were literally filled with dead. Not even after the battle of Tannenberg did our troops have to march over so many Russian corpses as they did in the battles around Lods and Lowicz.

"Our losses were much smaller than those of the Russians. We lost comparatively few men killed. The 25th reserve corps, in breaking through the Russian line had only 120 killed.

"It is significant that on a height west of Lods 887 Russians were buried.

"According to our estimates the Russians lost 150,000 men including 80,000 men captured. The prisoners are being taken to Germany.

"The town of Lods suffered little damage during the fighting. Some suburbs and factories beyond the town sustained property losses, but the interior of the place was almost undamaged. The Grand Hotel was not harmed and the electric tramway is now running as in times of peace."

BERLIN CLAIMS ADVANTAGE.

Says German Armies in Both East and West Are Progressing.

Berlin, Dec. 12. (by Wireless to London)—Advantages for the German armies in both the West and the East are reported in an official statement given out today at military headquarters. The attacks of the Allies in France and Belgium have been repulsed and the Germans have gained ground near Arras and in the Argonne. In the East the Russian forces were beaten back in the fighting along the East Prussian frontier and in Southern Poland.

The official press bureau today definitely confirmed unofficial reports of the occupation of Prasnysz by the Germans advancing on Warsaw from the north.

"This is the most important factor in the latest developments from the Eastern theatre of war," the bureau's statement says.

"News from South Poland and Galicia makes it clear that notwithstanding certain German and Austrian successes, severe resistance is being encountered.

"Evidently the Austrian forces in the Carpathians are too small to clear Hungarian territory of the enemy at once, and must repulse one column after another.

"The Austrians report that 10,000 Russians have been captured but they fail to say within what period, making the report meaningless.

"Operations in Servia also are meeting with dogged resistance at some points but are proceeding to the south of Belgrade.

"The loss of the squadron off the Falkland Islands is the occasion of general regret, but it is hardly a surprise, since the most optimistic had not dared to expect that the ships could escape."

BRITISH WARSHIPS NUMEROUS.

Are Reported to Have Coaled from Colliers Off Panama Coast.

Panama, Dec. 12.—It was persistently reported here today that six British warships met four British colliers yesterday on the high seas 50 miles south of Panama and coaled from them. It is believed locally these warships came from Australian waters, one of them is said to be the Australian battle cruiser Australia.

For several days there has been much wireless interference, and it is believed the colliers and the warships have been in communication. Ships captains reaching Balboa have reported the nearness of British cruisers.

Six British colliers have called at Panama during the last few days. A British cruiser was said last night to have come close in Balboa. She is supposed to have been trying to locate colliers.

A Japanese fleet is said to be off the Chilean coast and the British warships are believed to have sailed for the south to effect a junction.

TURKEY'S ASSURANCES.

Will Treat American Institutions as Foreign Institutions Treated Here.

Washington, Dec. 12. — Informal assurances have been given Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople by Turkish cabinet members that American institutions in Turkey will receive similar treatment to that accorded foreign institutions in the United States. Secretary Bryan made public today without comment the following paraphrase of Mr. Morgenthau's message:

"The American ambassador at Constantinople has had an interview with the minister of public instruction and the minister of the interior. They propose that American institutions shall be treated the same as foreign institutions are treated in the United States and will delay for sixty days the enforcement of most of the instructions that are objectionable. They stated that their chief desire is to secure supervisory control and direct relations with foreign institutions without guardianship of the embassy."

Washington, Dec. 13.—Official admission that there is acase of yellow fever at Caracas, Venezuela, has been made, according to official advices to the State Department.

AMERICAN NAVY IN NEED OF OFFICERS

Rear Admiral B[illegible] Submits Report to Hou[illegible] mmittee.

AIR CRAFT F[illegible]RES ALSO

Even After the War is Over It is Anticipated That the European Powers Will Have Strong Aerial Fleets for Use.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Despite the extensive use of air craft in the European war and resulting losses in aeroplanes and dirigibles, the warring powers still possess formidable air fleets, according to a report submitted to the House Naval committee today by the Navy Department. The report showed that early this month Germany had 1,400 aeroplanes and 60 dirigibles; Austria 600 aeroplanes and eight dirigibles; Great Britain 900 aeroplanes and 12 dirigibles; France 1,400 aeroplanes and 30 dirigibles; Russia 1,00 aeroplanes and 20 dirigibles; Japan 20 aeroplanes and two dirigibles, and Belgium 60 aeroplanes.

The report was in connection with the committee's hearings on the naval appropriation bill and supplemented the testimony of Secretary Daniels, who appeared before the committee Thursday and yesterday and will testify again Monday. No session was held today.

Rear Admiral Blue, chief of the navigation bureau, today submitted to the committee a statement regarding the personnel of the navy. The service, he said, was suffering more from a shortage of officers than from lack of enlisted men.

Need More Officers.

"There are 4,565 men and 203 line officers short of the number necessary to man the vessels of military value which could be used in time of war," the statement adds. "While there is little doubt that this demand would be met by the ex-service men now in civil life, confusion and delay would result unless an organization was perfected prior to the outbreak of war.

"Shortage of officers is more serious than that of men. It will necessarily be several years before the requirements can be met, as the supply of officers is regulated by the naval academy yearly output. From captain to admiral officers are being promoted at an age that will permit of very little service in the latter grade before retirement. A board which has been considering these conditions is now preparing its report."

Of the expense of campaigns carried on across the water at any great distance, Admiral Blue said:

"I worked out the figures some time ago and found that to keep our fleet supplied with fuel and provisions while operating 5,000 to 6,000 miles from its base in the United States, about 200 merchant vessels would be required. Naturally we would hope to get these vessels from the merchant marine."

RESERVE BOARD AND GOVERNORS END MEET

Conference Void of Results in Clearing House Matter

Board Awaits Decision of Committee Appointed by the Governors of Twelve Banks to Look Further Into Details.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Conferences between governors of the 12 Federal Reserve banks and the Federal Reserve Board ended here today without any definite decision as to how far the clearing house function of the banks shall be exercised.

All the governors appeared before the board in the two days they spent here and discussed the merits of clearing through Reserve banks. Board members were said tonight to be waiting on the deliberations of a special committee appointed among the governors to go further into the subject.

Three Reserve banks, those in Chicago, Kansas City and St. Louis, already have undertaken clearances to a limited extent. Officials tonight thought the board would not rescind its instructions directing these banks to begin clearings of checks for member banks in their districts.

The committee of Governors, J. B. McDougal, of Chicago; L. A. Aiken, of Boston; Benjamin Strong, Jr., of New York; E. R. Fancher, of Cleveland, and George J. Seay, of Richmond, probably will not report until the middle of January. It was said it probably would investigate closely the results of the clearing house work now being done by the Chicago, Kansas City and St. Louis banks.

It was pointed out tonight that the members of the governors' committee are, for the most part, from the larger cities, where the clearing house associations are strong and where clearing privileges mean much to banks. It has been asserted often in Congress that the larger banks are able to dominate the smaller through clearing house associations and officials are inclined to believe that many banks are loath to see Federal Reserve banks take up this work.

"The Master Key," Dec. 23. (Advertisement.)

LYNCHING BEE TO BE INVESTIGATED

Special Session of Louisiana Grand Jury Ordered

FIVE HUNG IN TEN DAYS

Three in One Night; Five in Ten Days; Eight in a Year is Record of Louisiana Parish for Lynchings—All Negroes.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 12.—Watkins Lewis, a negro accused of complicity in the murder of Charles M. Hicks, postmaster at Sylvester, La., was burned at the stake last night by a mob, despite his protestations of innocence, according to information secured today. His charred body was found today bound to a tree near Sylvester, in the southern part of Caddo parish.

Watkins Lewis was the fifth negro put to death by a mob in this parish within ten days, and the eighth in a year.

Two were lynched last week for alleged implication in the killing of Hicks and the robbery of his store, and early last night two others were taken from a deputy sheriff near Shreveport after they are said to have confessed to the killing of Cyrus Hotchkin, an oil field worker, and hanged.

District Judge Bell today ordered the grand jury to meet in special session next Wednesday to investigate the lynchings.

Lewis was taken from the parish jail here by five men, who gained entrance through a window and overpowered the jailer. He was taken from the prison in an automobile and no trace of either the man or his captors was found until the finding of his body near Sylvester was reported. It is said that several hundred men participated in the lynching.

Sheriff Flournoy was absent from Shreveport yesterday on a hunting trip.

Tonight conditions at Sylvester were reported quiet and no further disorder is anticipated.

OPPOSED TO PRIMARY FOR POSTMASTERSHIP

Congressman Pou Gives Reasons For His Position

Says Results of Primary Would Be Binding on No One, and Cites Difficulty in Drawing Line of Eligibility.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—In a letter to Charles H. Anderson, one of the candidates for the Raleigh postmastership, Representative Pou explains why he will not order a postoffice primary to decide the contest. Mr. Pou says that in the first place his recommendation of a candidate would not be binding upon any one.

"It does not necessarily settle the matter at all," Mr. Pou says. "We shall not assume the responsibility of calling a primary to determine which candidate I shall recommend for appointment as postmaster at Raleigh."

Continuing, Mr. Pou's letter says," "By courtesy of the President and the postmaster general ,members are permitted to recommend candidates for these places, but the President and the postmaster general are absolutely free to ignore these recommendations, if they see fit to do so.

"In the next place, it would be almost impossible to draw a line of eligibility to vote in such a primary. The Postoffice Department holds that not only are residents of the city of Raleigh eligible for appointment as postmaster, but every person supplied by R. F. D. routes leading from Raleigh are patrons of the office, and therefore eligible. You can see how difficult it would be to decide just who would be entitled to vote. Again, there is no law regulating such primary. The affair would be entirely informal, and voluntary. There is no official who is entitled to pass upon the qualification of the voters. The expense would probably be as great as that of any ordinary election. I do not care to ask the respective candidates to bear such expense, when no law authorizes the holding of the primary and no one would be bound by the result.

"More than this, I do not care to promote strife in a community by inviting such a contest. I can only say in conclusion that in so far as the responsibility of making this recommendation rests upon me, I shall discharge it conscientiously. As I have heretofore written, I will take up the matter of making a recommendation with both senators and with Secretary Daniels, whenever I receive notice that the postmaster general is ready to consider a candidate.

"After considering the claims of each and every candidate and after consulting with the gentlemen named, I shall make a recommendation in the hope that it will be acceptable to the department, approved by the President and reasonably satisfactory to the patrons of the office."

F. R. A.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Representative Gardner's demand for a hearing on his resolution for an investigation into the nation's military preparedness was voted down by the house rules committee by a straight party vote of five to three, all of the Democrats voting against it.

WANT EUROPEANS ON SOUTHERN SOIL

Federal and State Government Called on for Laws.

M'RAE IS ON COMMITTEE

Immigration Conference Called to Meet in Washington by the Southern Commercial Congress Takes Prompt Action.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Resolutions calling on the Federal government and the Southern States for legislation to care for immigrants who seek refuge in this country after the European war were adopted tonight by the immigration conference called by the Southern Commercial Congress to consider the feasibility of distributing immigrants on farms in the South.

A committee was appointed to work out some practical plan of action.

Dr. Clarence J. Owens, managing director of the Southern Commercial Congress, declared in an address that the future development of the South was measured in terms of an efficient industrial and agricultural immigration.

At the afternoon session of the conference, Secretary of Labor Wilson predicted that many of the destitute immigrants who would come to the United State from Europe after the war could be placed on Southern farms if proper efforts are made to secure them. He explained the efforts of the Labor, Postoffice and Agricultural Departments to bring together "the jobless man and the manless job, the landless man and the manless land."

J. J. DeKinder, an expert on Dutch colonization, who recently came from Holland, said many Dutch and Belgian farmers, ruined by the war, were anxious to come to the United States.

Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, of Florida, president of the Southern Commercial Congress, presided at the sessions. Many Southern States were represented by officials.

The committee chosen to decide on a definite plan to encourage desirable immigration is composed of Dr. Owens, T. R. Preston, Chattanooga; Hugh MacRae, Wilmington, N. C.; M. V. Richards, industrial commissioner, Southern railway, Washington and Robert M. Mixson, a member of the South Carolina Legislature.

HOSPITAL SUPPLIES.

Red Cross Sends Large Supply to Different European Nations.

Washington, Dec. 12.— The American Red Cross today shipped 401 cases of hospital supplies and clothing for women and children to war-stricken countries of Europe. France will reserve 89 cases and an additional donation of 5,000,000 cigarettes. Germany will get 71 cases; Austria-Hungary, 71 cases, and 20 bales of absorbent cotton, and Belgium 159 cases.

BALANCE OF $169,802 IN STATE TREASURY

January 1st Will Find About an Even Break.

Findings of Legislative Committee Named to Examine Books of the Department—Showing Considered Good.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 12.—A balance of $169,802 in the State Treasury at the close of the fiscal year is the finding of the Legislative examining committee which has just completed an annual examination of the books and vouchers of the department. There is the statement also that there are outstanding vouchers and obligations that will bring about an even break in the status of the treasury January 1st.

However, the balance December 1st, 1913, when the previous fiscal year closed, was $337,678. This difference is accounted for by State Treasurer Lacy on the ground that this time last year he was operating under such conditions in the finances of the country that he was turning loose money in payment of claims just as sparcely as he could, whereas this time he has made it a point to pay claims in the promptest manner possible and has much less outstanding claims against the balance in hand than he had a year ago.

The examination of the Treasury was made by Senator D. C. Barnes, Representative I. J. Young and Representative C. M. Faircloth, the latter a Republican member. The entry on the Treasury ledger signed by the committee specifies that the committee found the books all accurately and neatly kept, the reports supplemented by vouchers and warrants, and that they found the following status of State finances:

General Fund—Balance on hand December 1, 1913, $333,040; receipts to November 30, 1914, $4,683,875; total receipts for the year $5,016,915; disbursed during the year $4,852,343; balance general fund December 1st, 1914, $164,572.

Board of Education Fund—Balance on hand December 1, 1913, $4,638; receipts during the year $128,553; total receipts $133,191; disbursements $127,961; balance on hand December 1, 1914, $5,230.

CARRANZA MAKES REPLY TO BRYAN

Would Consider Firing Across Line a Hostile Act.

HILL IS ON DEFENSIVE

In a Statement Made to Associated Press Correspondent He Disclaims Responsibility for Shots Falling Across Line.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 12.—"If the United States employs force to stop the firing of Mexicans across the international boundary line at Naco, it will be considered an unfriendly act, notwithstanding the friendly motives cloaking the act."

In this manner General Carranza made answer in a statement to the Associated Press to the formal notice service by the United States government on both Provisional President Gutierrez and General Carranza that unless such firing ceased, force would be employed to protect American territory.

Carranza's reply to the Acerican note, which is expected to reach Washington tomorrow, will repudiate, responsibility for any shots that have crossed the line and clearly set forth that he and his government will regard intervention at Naco as a hostile act.

At no time since the receipt of Secretary Bryan's note calling attenion to the repeated wounding and killing of residents of the American town, has Generla Carranza appeared perturbed, but he has had long conferences with those close to him, and in framing his reply, it is said, he has been careful not to let himself remain in any uncertain light.

Hill on the Defensive.

"General Hill, Constitutionalist commander of the forces at Naco, is on the defensive," continued General Carranza, "and since his back was to the firing line it is difficult to see how he could be responsible for the firing. The fact is that Maytorena's men have been attacking, and therefore it appears reasonably clear that they and only they, could have been to blame.

"As a matter of fact, I do not know that the rights of American citizens have been violated. It seems it would be well for the State Department to investigate this question in order to fix the responsibility.

"I remember similar instances at El Paso when the Madero forces were attacking there. In that case those shot were for the most part the imprudent and curious individuals who flocked to witness the fighting as if it had been a spectacular show engaged for their benefit.

"As to the use of force of which Mr. Bryan talks, that is something the gravity of which I fear he does not fully appreciate. He says it would not mean an invasion of our territory, or a violation of our national sovereignty. It would. And, moreover, it would certainly be an act directly against the Constitutionalists, who now hold the town and in a favor of the Villistas who would be left free to continue their operations. It would be simply tieing General Hill's hands and leaving Maytorena free.

"I sincerely hope that the good friendship of the American people towards the Mexican people will prevent the consummation of Secretary Bryan's threat."

WASHINGTON SATISFIED

Provisional President Gutierrez Orders Firing to Cease is Report.

Washington, Dec. 12.—State Department officials were satisfied tonight that orders from Provisional President Gutierrez to desist from his attack on Naco would reach Governor Maytorena in ample time to prevent his carrying out his intention of resuming operations Tuesday night. A copy of the message to the governor, conveying instructions, already has been received here and officials believe Governor Maytorena's statement today that he had received no orders to cease firing was issued before he learned the wishes of Gutelerrez.

SWEDEN NOT SATISFIED.

With Explanations from Germany as to Mine Planting in Sea.

Stockholm, via London, Dec. 12.—Germany's answer to Sweden's request for an explanation of the laying of German mines which have destroyed three Swedish vessels, is considered far from satisfactory by the Swedish press, according to the Aftonbladet.

The answer denies that German ships laid mines Saturday or Sunday last, but says nothing concerning previous days. It admits that, owing to the intention of Russia to establish a winter naval base, German mines were laid in the Aland archipelago "later than Sunday," of which Sweden was notified Monday after the Swedish steamers were sunk.

Washington, Dec. 12.—To President Wilson today was presented a gold medal inscribed "Neutrality and humanity" in recognition of his recent donation to the Red Cross bazaar in New York of a bale of cotton which he bought to forward the "buy a bale of cotton" movement. The medal was presented on behalf of a committee including Senator Hoke Smith, Governor Glynn and Mayor Mitchell of New York.

GERMAN CRUISER DRESDEN ACCOUNTED FOR AT LAST

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 12.—The German cruiser Dresden, one of the squadron engaged by the British warships off Falkland Islands and which took flight, has stranded on the Argentine coast near the port of Gallegos.

STOCK EXCHANGE OPENS FAVORABLY

Many Substantial Advances Registered; Declines Few

CONFIDENCE IS SHOWN

Stocks in Which Trading Allowed Opened Well Above Bottom Prices of July 30th and Continued to Advance.

New York, Dec. 12.—The stock exchange today resumed its regular functions after suspension since July 30 because of conditions resulting from the war. The resumption was accompanied by a display of much confidence and enthusiasm on the part of members. Prices of almost all stocks in which trading was permitted opened well in advance of July 30, closing quotations, and gathered greater momentum as the two hour session progressed. Many substantial advances were registered, while declines were few and unimportant.

Trading was on the restricted basis fixed by exchange officials. It was confined to a little more than one-quarter of the total number of listed and approved stocks, and was strictly for cash. This rule was inexorable for al transactions, except in issues selling at or under $15 per share. Business was further circumscribed by the absence from the regular trading list of a number of international favorites, such as Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Canadian Pacific, Great Northern, Baltimore & Ohio, New York Central and United States Steel. Exchange authorities said that as these stocks were largely held abroad their unrestricted offering might invite an avalanche of selling.

Selling Pressure Lacking.

As a matter of fact today's brief session was surprisingly conspicuous for its lack of selling pressure.

At the outset trading was mainly in small amounts, the average transaction involving from 100 to 300 shares, with more than the usual sprinkling of "odd lots."

The first notable exception to this tendency was Reading, which came in one block of 1,400 shares and was speedily followed by 800 and 900 share lots.

Total transactions in stocks amounted to about 114,000 shares with bond sales (par value) at around $1,000,000

The most active stock was Reading of which over 23,000 shares were exchanged. Amalgamated Copper, Erie, American Can, Lehigh Valley, some of the lesser coppers and the local tractions helped swell the total.

Conspicuous gains were as follows: Reading 10 points, Lehigh 14 1-2; Atchison 5 7-8; Brooklyn Transit 8 1-4; St. Paul 8 1-4; Erie common and first preferred 2 and 4, New Haven 2 3-4; Northern Pacific 4 1-4 and Toledo, St. Louis and Western preferred 4 1-4.

Among the industials in the active group, Amalgamated Copper American Can common and preferred; American Cotton Oil, Smelting, Bethlehem Steel common and preferred; Central Leather common and preferred; National Biscuit and Tennessee Copper rolled up gains of 3 to 8 points, while Peoples Gas and Western Union were prominent among the Utilities, their gains being 12 1-2 and six points respectively.

The most phenomenal movements were in such specialties as Texas Oil, which rose 21 5-8 and General Motors, whose advance was 27 1-8.

Declines, relatively negligible, were mainly in the shares of the Southern Transportation companies, whose incomes have been materially affected by the cotton situation. Southern Railway common and preferred yielded 1 1-4 and 3 1-2 respectively.

Quotations returned by the stock exchange clearing house showed a gain of 1 3-4 in Union Pacific, with fractional losses in New York Central and Canadian Pacific.

Prices in bonds in the open market generally followed the course of stocks, but the movements, for these securities was less expansive.

REV. J. N. COLE REPORTED RESTING WELL LAST NIGHT.

Prominent Methodist Minister Critically Ill in Charlotte.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 12.—Rev. J. N Cole, manager of the Methodist [illegible] age at Raleigh and one of th[illegible] known members of the Me[illegible] church in North Carolina, is r[illegible] as resting well at the Charlott[illegible] tarium here, where he came on [illegible] of December to take treatment [illegible] condition is still considered cr[illegible] however.

Mrs. Plato Durham, of Atlanta, arrived here Wednesday night to be the bedside of her father, Rev. Cole, who has been ill at the Sanitarium since Monday night, having been accompanied here by his daughter, Miss Mary Cole. Mr. Cole's condition is such as to cause much concern to his family and wide circle of friends.

ATLANTAN WON RACE.

Three-Mile Open Road Race at Birmingham Captured by Atlantan.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 12.—Walter Lock, representing the Atlanta Athletic Club, won the annual three-mile open road race held under the auspices of the Birmingham Athletic Club, here today. Vivian Jones, of the local athletic club, ran second. Time 16:57.45.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 12.—The Princeton Athletic board announced today that it had taken definite action toward establishment of a one-man coaching system for football. A committee was appointed to recommend a candidate for coach.

WAR IS IGNORED BY THE GRIDIRON CLUB

Strict Neutrality Observed at Winter Dinner.

AN EVENING OF MIRTH

Many Satires and Dramatic Skits Always Within the Shore Lines of the Two Oceans That Bound American Continent.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Members of the Cabinet, Congressmen, diplomatists and leaders of all activities of the Nation's life gathered round the board here tonight at the Gridiron Club's winter dinner.

President Wilson's earnest injunction to the American people to refrain from public discussion of war issues was strictly regarded and the location of every one of the many satires and dramatic skits was always within the shore lines of the two oceans which bound the Americas. Uncle Sam's wards were given full opportunity to air their grievances, for the most part in song and in gathering described as "Uncle Sam's Jubilee." The negro complained of the workings of the civil service law which "has sentenced more good colored voters to the levees and cotton fields than any other peonicious legislation."

He also deplored the new primary laws and to the air of "Old Uncle Ned," he sang:

"There was an old delegate, his name was Uncle Ned.
He lived long ago, long ago.
He went to conventions whenever he was bid,
And that's how he lived, long ago.
Chorus:
"Then lay down the shovel and the hoe,
And hang up the fiddle and the bow,
There's no more work for poor Uncle Ned,
The primaries laid him low."

The farmer was another ward with a complaint; he wanted a bunch of greenbacks. Up home he had a shed full of squashes and wanted the Treasury to issue circulating notes on them. Two other wards were Colonel Watterson and Colonel Harvey. They had no grievances, but expressed their contentment in a song, the refrain of which was:

"I've come back, come back,
I've come back, Dear Leader, to thee, to thee,
I've come back, come back,
I've come back, Dear Leader, to thee."

Among other wards, Alaska wanted to be shielded from exploitation of capitalists; Hawaii called attention to Queen Liliuokalani's lack of pension; Porto Rico wanted more government jobs and a duty on sugar, and Filipino wanted to know when he would grow up and be independent. When the latter was chided and told that he must not get hasty, he replied:

"Hasty! I'm getting musty."

The politician complained that taxes had been laid on business paper, chewing gum, billiard rooms and circuses, while whiskey had gone Scot free, because the bill had been passed in October and the election was in November, and in a burst of satire he sang:

"If you have to lay a tax,
Don't put it onto rye.
Put it onto luxuries,
But keep it off of rye.
Stick it onto chewing gum,
Or billiard cues, says I,
But, for the love of Mike, I beg you,
Keep it off of rye."

A realistic prize fight was staged in the center of the dining hall and the spectators were treated to a lively mill. The stake was "a large house located at 1600 Pennsylvania avenue," and the principals were "Kid Democracy," and "Old G. O. P.", the referee being "Bull Moose," who announced his ability to lick both of the two old parties. His decisions had never been questioned "even when overruled by the Supreme Court."

A moving picture show enlivened the proceedings, representing "the greatest deliberative body on earth; the United States Senate" in session, but the general effect was greatly marred first, by a strenuous objection to such an undignified encroachment upon the body and when that had been removed by the insertion of his own name into the advertisements, by the fact that Senator Ollie James persisted in standing up and thereby blotting out the remainder of the picture.

Following its invariable rule, the Gridiron Club initiated, in the presence of its many guests, a new member—William E. Grigham, Washington correspondent of the Boston Transcript, who was described as "a journalist who would like to get into an association of newspaper men." Answering questions he said that he was "in pretty good standing in Secretary Bryan's anteroom."

A Roosevelt song, to the tune of "I'm on My Way to Mandalay," followed with this chorus:

"I'm on my way to Oyster Bay.
Beneath my sheltering roof I've got
to stay.
[illegible] gone wrong,
[illegible] trusted,
[illegible] get me flustered,
[illegible] Stick's busted.
[illegible] I'm on the way to Oys-
[illegible],
[illegible] say goodbye."

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[illegible]oway, another returning Con- [illegible]s, announced that up his way [illegible]nting is poor, all the Bull [illegible] have been killed off." When [illegible]s Longworth appeared, Cannon [illegible]d:
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[illegible]nnon—"Why don't you persuade [illegible] to stay in some of those lonesome [illegible]ces he writes about?"

Longworth—"There ain't no lonesomer place than Oyster Bay right now."

When told that Secretary Daniels had abolished the wine mess on warships during his absence from Washington, Sullowsy exclaimed:

"That means no more inspection cruises by the Naval Committee."

When Cannon learned that the American troops had been withdrawn from Vera Cruz November 23, he exclaimed: "I thought I heard firing on that day. It must have been that salute to the flag."

Other skits portrayed the adequacy of the United States army as viewed by Representative Gardner; the Federal Reserve board in full action trying to "abfusticate" the newspaper reporters and a mock rehearsal of the Gridiron club itself. And emulating the publications of the European chancelleries, the club caused to be placed at each plate "The Blue Paper' correspondence relating to the campaign preceding the outbreak of hostilities on November 3rd, 1914, and the fatalities incident thereto."

EVENTS OF A WEEK AROUND LUMBERTON

Trade in Christmas Holiday Goods is Picking Up.

Graded School Observes "Community Day"—Christmas Club Members Have Money—Court Convenes Tuesday—Sales.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 12.—There are signs here of the approach of the Christmas holidays. Very few merchants have made any preparations for selling holiday goods, but those who did so say that business already shows signs of picking up, and some are expecting good trade. Although the weather has been anything but favorable, quite a good deal of cotton was brought in this week, some being sold for cash and some on accounts.

Yesterday was "Community Day" at the graded school, and many visitors were on hand to witness what the pupils had done and were doing. All patrons who attended were simply delighted. But nothing else could be expected, in view of the fact that Lumberton has one of the best graded schools to be found in the State, with a management the equal of the best. The exercises of the day closed with a large box supper last night which was greatly enjoyed. School will close for Christmas on the 18th and open again on the 28th.

Many Hearts Made Glad.

Many hearts were made glad here last night and this morning when the National Bank of Lumberton mailed out checks to members of its Christmas club. About $4,000 was turned loose, the most of which will be spent here during the next two weeks. The bank has done more for its Christmas club members than they would have done for themselves, in that it has saved the small amounts which would otherwise have been spent.

The National bank, of Lumberton, expects to be in its elegant new home, Third and Elm streets, by the middle of next week. This old reliable bank, the first established in the county, will, when moved, be in its own home, which is one of the most beautiful in this section. The furniture and fixtures are excelled by none the writer has ever seen. The second floor will be occupied by the law firm of McLean, Varser & McLean.

Mr. E. M. Britt, the new recorder for the Lumberton district, took the oath of office Monday and in a short time was holding court. He had one colored prisoner before him who hit town Saturday night, tanked up on mean liquor Sunday and acted in such a manner that he was locked up. After hearing all the evidence, Judge Britt said "ten months on the road." The keeper of the gang was in the court house and ready to lead the prisoner away.

Court Not Until Tuesday.

Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper received word yesterday from Judge C. M. Cooke, who will preside at a civil term of court here next week, that there will be no court until Tuesday and that jurors and witnesses need not attend until that day.

Notwithstanding the fact that this section has been visited by frost and ice during the past month, hunters report mosquitoes as being abundant in the woods just as though it were still warm weather. Mosquitoes allowed to get into a room generally live through winter regardless of temperature, at least that is the writer's experience.

Several days ago it was thought that the condition of Dr. John Knox, who has been in the hospital for some time, was much improved, but now it is said his condition is not so favorable and that he will not be put out as soon as had been expected.

While in conversation with one of the leading undertakers here this week, your correspondent was convinced that the death rate in this section is in keeping with other conditions at present. He stated that he did not have a single call in November and only one so far in December. Another evidence that an all-time health officer is a good investment.

Four Special Sales in Town.

Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son, Blacker Brothers, A. Weinstein and Townsend Brothers, are running special sales and all of them seem to be doing a nice business. Messrs. White & Gough also are offering some special bargains. Considerable trade is being drawn from several neighboring towns, the low prices here being a great inducement to come to Lumberton.

After nearly two weeks of cloudy, disagreeable weather, this morning was fair and beautiful with plenty of frost.

At the request of Mayor White, the county commissioners have agreed to put the "white way" around the court house square, the town furnishing the electric current. Of all the improvements in the way of lights, these lights around the court house square will be one of the greatest.

While one or two drug stores in town were going through their stocks putting war tax stamps on the articles, goods were turned up bearing the same kind of stamps of the series of 1898. If age improves medicines as it does some other things, these old pills must be valuable indeed.

In the display window of the McMillan drug store are more goldfish than were ever seen in Lumberton before. Purchasers of certain goods are given two of these little fish, with several hundred to select from.

Wild geese and ducks are said to be present in great numbers in some of the waters of Robeson. The unfavorable weather so far this month has caused the birds in the woods to be disturbed very little by hunters.

Messrs. McLean, Varser & McLean moved their law offices this morning to the New National Bank of Lumberton building.

W. S. W.

MOONLIGHT SCHOOL IN COLUMBUS LAUNCHED

Introduced by Vance L. Smith, a Pireway Planter.

Has 26 "Students" 18 Years of Age and More First Night—Cotton Warehouse Co., Receives Charter, Whiteville News.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Whiteville, N. C., Dec. 12.—Columbus county is again to the front with the introduction of a night school, commonly known as "the moonlight school." The first of the schools to be established was on Friday night, and was in Lee's township at the Bear Island school house, about 20 miles below Whiteville. The promoter of the new enterprise of enlightenment in Columbus is Vance L. Smith, a prominent planter of Pireway, and a man who thoroughly believes that it is "never too old to learn."

Accordingly he elicited the opinions of the men in his section from 18 years and over, and on the first night the school was opened he had an attendance of 26 men, a great many of whom knew little of the rudiments of an education. Sessions of the school will be held on every Monday and Thursday night.

The co-operation and big heartedness of educators who see the great need of bringing out of the darkness of illiteracy men and women who in earlier years had not the advantages of an education that is today accorded the youthful, made this possible.

At the meeting of the teachers of the Whiteville High School Monday this question was brought before them and considerable enthusiasm over the new kind of school was manifested, and it has been practically determined that the school will be experimented with here after the holidays.

Cotton Storage Warehouse.

The Columbus Warehouse Company, of Tabor, today received their charter from the Secretary of State, authorizing them to do a general warehouse business with a capital stock of $25,000 and $5,000 paid in. The principal stockholders are C. C. Pridgen, Tabor; J. A. Brown, Chadbourn; J. A. Baldwin, Jr., Chadbourn, and D. F. McGougan, Tabor. The company will do a general warehouse business and have already opened the warehouse for the storage of cotton, charging 25 cents per bale therefor. This amount includes the storage and insurance charges, but not the revenue tax on the certificate.

The warehouse will be operated for storing cotton as long as the situation remains critical in Europe and in season will be operated also as a tobacco warehouse.

Scarlet Fever in Town.

The Whiteville High School today closed prematurely for the holidays, due to an epidemic of scarlet fever in town. Five cases had been reported under quarantine, but all the patients are getting along nicely and further spread of the disease is not anticipated.

This is the third school to have to close on account of scarlet fever in Columbus county, the others being in Western Prong township and at Artesia, where the schools were closed for three and two weeks, respectively. At Tabor, in the lower end of the county, the school closed for two weeks on account of a diphtheria epidemic.

DEATH SENTENCE GIVEN WHITE MAN OF WAYNE

Convicted of Burglary and Criminal Assault

Zack Harris Sentenced to Electrocution January 22.—Notice of Appeal to Supreme Court—J. F. Williams is Acquitted.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 12.—Superior court, which convened in this city Monday of last week, concluded the criminal docket Wednesday morning, when the civil docket was taken up. The first week's term was presided over by Judge Frank A. Daniels, and the second week by Judge George W. Connor. One of the most sensational cases disposed of, and one that attracted a great deal of attention, was that of State against Zach Harris, a young white man, charged with burglary and criminal assault on Miss Nina Pate, the 15-year-old step-daughter of Mr. E. M. Strickland.

The case was taken up Friday afternoon. There was quite a large number of witnesses examined on both sides, who gave conflicting and contradictory testimony, but the case was finally given to the jury Saturday night about 10 o'clock. The jury finally reached a verdict Sunday morning at 12:30 o'clock, declaring Harris guilty of the charge, and in solemn words Judge Daniels sentenced Harris to pay the penalty for his crime in the electric chair at the State penitentiary in Raleigh on Friday, the 22nd day of January, 1915. The attorneys for Harris gave notice of an appeal to the Supreme Court.

The alleged crime was committed on Friday night, August 28, about 2 o'clock, while Mr. Strickland was curing tobacco, and who found Harris in the girl's room on his return to the house.

At the August term of court Harris was released on a $2,000 bond, and has been at liberty until he was tried at the present term.

Those familiar with the circumstances and who heard the evidence are divided in their opinion as to the guilt or innocence of Harris who is a young married man, but left his wife a short while after their marriage.

Another case that took up considerable time of the court was State vs. J. F. Williams, a young white man of Mt. Olive section, charged by his half-sister with incest. The jury in this case, after a lengthy deliberation, declared the defendant not guilty, and he was discharged from custody.

"The Master Key," Dec. 23.
(Advertisement.)

BAPTIST CONVENTION MADE HISTORY FAST

Constant Effort to Achieve Higher Efficiency

Sessions Marked by Harmony—Plans for Forward Movement in Social Service—Efficiency Committee Named.

(By T. W. Chambliss.)

Raleigh, Dec. 12.—The Nineteen Hundred Fourteen Convention of North Carolina Baptists is now history—the convention made history during this week and made it fast. From the first note of the first address at the Conference of Pastors Monday night to the last resolution offered yesterday afternoon, it was a constant effort to achieve higher efficiency.

Harmony marked the entire series of sessions. High mountain peaks were reached and the pace set for the coming year will mean a greater denomination and greater results.

The last day was marked by the report of the commission appointed last year to study social conditions in the State and particularly as those conditions were in touch with lines of denominational duty. The commission suggested some pertinent matters and a permanent committee was appointed to report every year on social service.

The committee recommends:

1. That the denomination plan for some organized method of caring for needy widows.

2. That churches and pastors lend more active assistance to the Anti-Saloon League.

3. That church members and pastors cooperate with the North Carolina Social Service League.

4. That the churches organize for efficient service for the protection and betterment of health conditions.

5.—That churches establish social centers, in connection with their other church work.

6. That the churches lend their aid to the movement for the establishment of night schools.

7. That the standing committees of the convention shall include a social service committee.

Efficiency Committee.

The Convention appointed a committee of the following: W. C. Barrett, M. L. Kesler, L. Johnson, C. E. Brewer, L. R. Pruett, J. Clyde Turner, I. N. Loftin, C. W. Scarborough, W. A. Cooper, G. T. Watkins, J. A. Campbell, G. N. Cowan and J. M. Storer, to report to the next Convention concerning the plan of dividing all of the work of the Convention into there distinct phases, covered by three distinct boards: Missions, education and social service, the boards to be located in Raleigh, Durham and Greensboro, respectively, and no member of one of the boards to be a member of either of the others.

National Prohibition.

Rev. L. Johnson, Dr. William Louis Poteat and Rev. O. L. Stringfield were appointed as representatives of the convention to go to Washington to urge the passage of a national prohibition bill by Congress.

Home Missions.

Dr. Arch C. Cree, the speaker on home missions, was magnetic, witty, bright and forceful. Starting at his audience like a thunderbolt, he caught their attention and held it, notwithstanding his address came to the end of a hard session, filled with business and reports.

"If a man leaves Germany and comes to America, what do you call him?

"Why a German, of course," responded Dr. Cree.

"Well, if an American leaves this country and goes to Germany, vot you call him?"

"Why, an American," answered the preacher.

"Well—I don't," answered the German.

It was scarcely a minute before the audience had supplied the unexpressed word of the German and the laughter was hearty.

Dr. Cree said that he asked a missionary to China what was the greatest obstacle to successful work among the Chinese and the missionary answered, "The Godless character of Americans, as shown in those who go to China. Three classes, the consular service, the business getters and the tourists."

Dr. Cree styled the three classes as politicians, mercantile and "sassiety." More laughter greeted his classification.

Board of Education.

The new board of education provided for in the new plan of denominational support of the schools and colleges of the convention system was nominated by the special committee and elected by the Convention. The board is:

Three year term: W. N. Jones, J. J. Hurt, C. W. Mitchell, C. H. Durham, J. B. Stroud.

Two year term: C. W. Scarborough, F. P. Hopgood, Jr., A. L. Phipps, M. Leslie Davis, C. W. Blanchard.

One year term: H. A. Foushee, C. B. Waller, J. A. Durham, C. L. Greaves, F. B. Ashcraft.

The committee on obituaries was discontinued and hereafter the Convention will hold a memorial service each year in the place of a committee report.

Trustees Meredith College.

For term expiring 1915: J. D. Boushall, S. W. Brewer, S. R. Horne, B. F. Huntley, J. Y. Joyner, M. L. Kesler, Beeler Moore, W. L. Poteat.

For term expiring 1917: A. E. Brown, Locke Craig, W. N. Jones, Stephen McIntyre, J. C. Pritchard, R. H. Riggsbee, R. N. Simms, W. A. Thomas.

For term expiring 1919: J. T. Battle, Noah Biggs, S. M. Brinson, A. G. Cox, E. McK. Goodwin, C. J. Hunter, Livingston Johnson, J. E. Ray.

Trustees of Thomasville Orphanage.

Term expires 1915: H. F. Schenck, C. L. Haywood, S. J. Montague, J. C. Scarborough, J. A. Durham, C. W. Mitchell.

Term expires 1917: J. M. Stoner, N. Biggs, S. McIntyre, J. W. Noell, E. F. Aydlett, T. Carrick.

Term expires 1919: J. C. Whitty, F. P. Hobgood, John E. Ray, J. H. Canady, R. A. Spainhour, J. B. Stroud.

Newspapers Appreciated.

When the business had been concluded and the resolutions of appreciation to the people of Raleigh, Wake Forest, the newspapers and the railways had been offered, Mr. Hight C. Moore, in remarks to the Convention, called attention to the fact that the Raleigh papers, the Greensboro News, the Asheville Citizen, the Winston-Salem Sentinel, the Wilmington Star, the Charlotte News and the Wilmington Dispatch had not only given the Convention the best possible service in covering the Convention but had special representatives on the floor in order to secure the full reports. Dr. Moore said that the Convention appreciated this interest and he wished to express it.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Will Be Held at St. John's Mission Christmas Night.

Under the auspices of Rev. W. E. Cox, assisted by the other ministers in the northern section of the city, a community Christmas tree will be given on the grounds of St. John's mission, No. 1313 North Fourth street, Christmas night at 8 p. m., for the benefit of all the children of that section of the city.

All the people of the northern part of the city, and for that matter, any part of the city, are invited to cooperate to make the event a success, and it is felt certain that the "tree" will be the means of bringing happiness to many of the little children.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA—IN EQUITY.

R. E. Summer, et al vs. Carolina Coast Products Co., et al.—Order Appointing Receiver, Etc.

To to Creditors and Bondholders, and all other persons having claims against the Carolina Coast Products Company.

It is further ordered that all persons, creditors and bondholders, having claims against the said defendant, the Carolina Coast Products Company, whether by mortgage, lien or unsecured claim, be and are hereby required to file the same with the Clerk of the Court on or before the first Monday in January, 1915, setting forth in detail the nature thereof, duly verified, and the Clerk is directed to make proper advertisement to all creditors of this provision of the Order.

Witness the Honorable M. G. Connor, Judge, of said Court, (SEAL) and the seal at Wilmington, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1914.

ALEX L. BLOW, Clerk,
S. P. COLLIER, Deputy Clerk.

FORECLOSURE SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage made by the Oceanic Hotel Company to the Southern National Bank, duly registered in Book 81, page 210 of the records of New Hanover County, the undersigned will sell, to the highest bidder, at public auction, for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover County, on Thursday the 14th day of January, 1915, at twelve o'clock M., the following described property on Wrightsville Beach, in New Hanover County, consisting of what is known as the Oceanic Hotel and property, and more definitely described as follows:

FIRST TRACT: BEGINNING at low water mark on the Atlantic Ocean where the Northern line of Lot No. 72 touches the Ocean, and runs thence Westwardly across the Beach and along the line of Lot No. 72 to low water mark of the Banks Channel or sound, thence Northwardly along low water mark of Banks Channel on the Sound 100 feet, more or less, to the southern line of Lot No. 75, thence Eastwardly along the Southern line of Lot No. 75 to low water mark of the Atlantic Ocean; thence along low water mark of the Atlantic Ocean Southwardly 100 feet, more or less, to the beginning point, and designated as Lots Nos. 73 and 74 of Wrightsville Beach.

SECOND TRACT: BEGINNING at an iron pipe at the intersection of the Northern line of Lot No. 74 with the Eastern line of the right of way of the old Consolidated Railway Light & Power Company, and running thence 33 1-4 East 75 feet to the center of Lot No. 76, an iron pipe, and thence South 56 3-4 East along said center line of Lot No. 76 to the low water mark of the Atlantic Ocean, thence South 33 1-4 West along low water mark of the Ocean 75 feet to the Northern line of Lot No. 74, and thence North 56 3-4 West to the point of the beginning, and being Lot No. 75 and one-half of Lot No. 76 of Wrightsville Beach.

THIRD TRACT: BEGINNING at a stone located in the Western line of Lumina Avenue, said stone being located at the intersection of said western line of Lumina Avenue with the Southern line of Lot No. 98, in Block G., said stone at the beginning point being North 33 degrees 30 minutes East 342.15 feet from another stone which said last mentioned stone is at the intersection of the Western line of said Lumina Avenue with the line of the trestle over the Banks Channel if the said trestle were extended Eastwardly until it intersected said Lumina Avenue, and running thence along the Western line of said Lumina Avenue South 33 degrees 30 minutes west 150 feet to the present Northern line of the land of the Oceanic Hotel Company at the West side of Lumina Avenue, thence with said line in a Westwardly direction to low water mark of the Banks Channel, thence Northwardly along said low water mark of the Banks Channel to a point which is North 56 West from a stone at the beginning corner and thence South 56 degrees 30 minutes East along and with the line of said Lot 98, Block G., to the Beginning.

FOURTH TRACT: That part of Lots 76 and 77 lying East of Lumina Avenue and East of the right of way of the Tide Water Power Co., if the same be extended Northwardly to said point, BEGINNING in Eastern line of Lumina Avenue 25 feet Northwardly from its intersection with the Southern line of Lot 76; runs Northwardly along Eastern line of Lumina Avenue 50 feet; thence in an Eastwardly direction and parallel with the Southern line of Lot 76 to low water mark of the Ocean; thence to the center of said lot 76 at a point 25 feet North of the Southern line of said lot; thence Westwardly parallel with said Southern line of said lot to the Beginning, being part of Lot No. 76 and half of Lot No. 77 according to the plan of Wrightsville Beach.

FIFTH TRACT: BEGINNING at a stone in the Western line of Lumina Avenue located at a point 342.15 feet North 33 degrees 30 minutes East from another stone, which latter stone is at the intersection of the Western line of Lumina Avenue with the line of the trestle over the Banks Channel if the same were extended Eastwardly until it intersected Lumina Avenue; runs thence North 56 degrees 30 minutes West 224.59 feet; thence 25 degrees 10 minutes East 150.56 feet to a stone; thence North 31 degrees East 100.16 feet to another corner; thence South 56 degrees 30 minutes East 245.8 feet to another corner; thence South 56 degrees 30 minutes East along Western line of Lumina Avenue 250 feet to the Beginning, being Lots 90, 92, 64, 96 and 98 as shown on the official map of Wrightsville Beach Extension.

SIXTH: Also all the personal property of the Oceanic Hotel Company, being all the bed room furniture; all office furniture; all kitchen furniture; all dining room furniture, and any and all other personal property of the said Oceanic Hotel situated in the hotel at Wrightsville Beach, and all personal property belonging to the said hotel company.

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THE WORLD OF SPORTS

"STUFFY" M'INNIS, OF ATHLETICS AMERICAN LEAGUE'S BEST FIELDER

Official Averages Given Out Yesterday.

FIRST BASEMEN LEAD

at Club Fielding the Athletics Lead All, With Boston, New York and Washington Following in Order Named.

New York, Dec. 12.—"Stuffy" McInnis, first baseman of the Philadelphia Athletics, leads all American leaguers at the fielding game, according to official averages made public today by the league secretary. Stuffy participated in 149 out of 158 games played by the Athletics, had a total of 1,423 put-outs, 85 assists and seven errors, for a season's average of .995, probably one of the highest records ever made for a continuous season's play. Mullen, New York's first baseman, is only one point below the Athletic, but only saw service in 85 games during the season. Gandil, of Washington, comes third, also a first baseman, having played in 145 games, and showing a season's average of .991. Five first base tenders stand higher than any man on any other position in the American League for the season's play.

Among second basemen, Turner, of Cleveland, leads, but only participated in 17 games, for a showing of .989. Olson, also a Nap, in 23 games saved a record of .985. Yerkes, of the Red Sox, in 91 games, shows a season's record of .972. While Collins, the New Federal star, played in 152 out of 158 games which the Athletics staged, and shows up with .970 for the season.

The third station men are led by Turner, of the Naps, with 103 games worked in, and a fielding average of .963, followed by Moriarity, of Detroit, 126 games, and .956, and Home Run Baker, 149 games, and an average of .955.

The shortfielders are led by Bislarid, of Cleveland, who only particiuated in 15 games for a season's average of .963, followed by McBride, of Washington, who saw service in 156 out of 158 games for the season, and shows a fielding percentage of .958; Peckinpaugh, of New York, who edged into every game played by the Yankees, a total of 157, shows a remarkable standing of .956.

Among outgardeners, Strunck, of the Athletics, took the cake, with a standing of .987 in 120 games, followed by Holden, of the Yankees, who played in 45 games for .981, and Rehg, of Boston, in 42 games, .980. Crawford, of Detroit, was another who participated in every game of the season, having a record for fielding of .977.

Kuhn, of the White Sox, leads all backstops, playing in 18 games for a percentage of .987, followed by Carrigan, of the Red Sox, 78 games and .984, and Henry of the Senators, 91 games and .980.

Five twirlers in the younger league finished the season without an error of fielding charged to them, being Wood, of Boston, 18 games; Hall, of Detroit, 18 games; Lathrop, of Chicago, 16 games; Hoch, St. Louis, 12 games, and James, of Cleveland, 31 games. Plank of the Athletics, comes next, having engineered the horsehide delivery in 30 contests for an average of .977, followed by another James, from St. Louis, with 38 games, and .975, and Boehling, of Washington, 27 games and .975.

Walter Johnson, of the Senators, worked in the largest number of games, having participated in 50 contests. His fielding average for the season is .964. Shaw and Ayres, of Washington, also come next in number of games twirled, with 45 each, these three twirlers participating in 140 of the games played by the Senators during the season.

At club fielding, as well as batting, the Philadelphia Athletics were out in front, with an average for the season of .987. Boston was second with .963, this mark being tied by the Yankees, who played three games less. Washington was fourth with .961; Detroit, fifth, .958; Chicago, sixth, .957; Cleveland, seventh, .954, and St. Louis bringing up the rear with .953. Philadelphia, the leading team, had the best fielder at but two positions out of the nine, while the Naps held three of the positions of honor, with the two leading second basemen, the best third baseman, and the best fielder among shortsteps.

MICHIGAN WILL SWITCH FROM HARVARD TO PRINCETON.

For Inter-Sectional Engagement During 1915 Season.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 12.—Reports that the Michigan football eleven will play Princeton instead of Harvard next autumn have been current in University circles here for several days. It was admitted recently that Harvard would not give the Wolverines a return game at Ann Arbor next fall. It has been reported that Princeton is willing to sign a two-year football contract with Michigan, one game to be played here and the other at Princeton.

CAROLINA LOSES FIRST GAME.

Defeated by Durham Y. M. C. A. in Basketball Game.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 12.—In the first basketball game of the season, Carolina lost this evening to the Durham Y. M. C. A., 23 to 14.

Three of Carolina's regulars were absent from the line-up, which follows:

Carolina: Loughran and Long, forwards; Holding, center; Fuller and Davis, guards.

Durham: Clay and Holcomb, forwards; Reed (c) center; Carrington and Murray, guards.

Substitutes: Homewood for Davis; Mangum for Murray.

Field goals: Long 2, Holding 3, Clay 5, Holcomb 2, Mangum 3. Foul goals: Long 4, Holcomb 4.

"The Master Key," Dec. 23.
(Advertisement.)

RALEIGH OVERWHELMS THE ASHEVILLE HIGHS

Wins State Championship, Score 117 to 0.

At No Time Was the Triumphant March of the Capital City Team Checked in Its Championship Contest. Game at Chapel Hill.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 12.—In a game too one-sided to be interesting, Raleigh High School won the State High School championship from Asheville High School today by an overwhelming score of 117 to 0. Asheville never had a chance from the opening play and at no time was the triumphant march of the Capital City team checked.

Raleigh had a well balanced veteran team, with a brilliant diversity of attack. Cross bucks, sweeping end runs, with beautiful interference, with forward passes and straight line bucks as a variety the Capital boys rolled up the grand total of 17 touchdowns and one safety. Eleven times goal was kicked.

For Raleigh, Johnson at quarterback, showed himself to be a real field general. Mills was probably the best individual player on offense. Champion and Bowen were of the same caliber as their running mates. There were only two football players on the Asheville team, Randolph, quarterback, and temporary captain, and Meares, right end. Both were good at working forward passes. The line-up:

Raleigh		Asheville
Martin	re	Meares
Weathers	rt	Donahoe
Dimrock	rg	Beardon
Tyree	c	Brown
Koontz	lg	Middleton
Whitaker	lg	Tomlin
Smith	le	Petree
Johnson	qb	Randolph
Champion	rh	Costen
Mills	lh	Jones
Bowen	fb	Johnson

Officials—Referee, DeWitt Klutty; umpire, "Doggie" Trenchard; head linesman, W. P. Fuller; timekeeper, Prof. Daggett. Time of quarters: 14, 12, 15, 12.

S. I. A. A. Modifies the Football Rules

WILL HAVE GREAT BEARING ON LINE-UP OF MANY 1915 ELEVENS.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 12.—Modification of the rule of the Southern intercollegiate athletic association providing that members with an enrollment of more than 400 students shall not play freshmen on their 'varsity football teams was made here today in a constitutional amendment adopted at the association's annual meeting.

The amendment divides the membership into two classes, irrespective of enrollment. Class M is to operate under the one-year exemption requirement, while class B will be allowed to play freshmen. Members have the privilege of deciding which class they will be enrolled in and will play only opponents in the same class. In this way there will be two football championships each year.

More than 20 Southern universities and colleges are members of the association. The freshmen rule has applied only to football, the use of first-year men on 'varsity teams in other sports being permitted without restriction.

JOHN W. JUDGE PRESIDENT.

Of Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce. T. H. Sutton Secretary.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fayetteville, N. C., Dec. 12.—At the annual meeting for the election of officers, the Fayetteville chamber of commerce elected John W. Judge president and Thos. H. Sutton secretary and treasurer. Miss Bessie Marsh, who has been the assistant secretary for several years, was re-elected to that position. Mr. Judge has been secretary of the chamber for the past year and for several years has been a director and an enthusiastic worker for the welfare of Fayetteville. He is president of the Judge Printing Company, secretary of the Cape Fear Tobacco Growers' Association, and a member of the board of trustees of the Fayetteville city schools.

Mr. Sutton, an official of the Wallace-Ellington Insurance Company, is a bright young man with a big fund of energy. He has been identified with chamber of commerce work for some time and is thoroughly familiar with it.

WINS CROSS COUNTRY RUN.

Colors of Irish-American Athletic Club Carried to Victory.

New York, Dec. 12.—Hannes Kolehmainen, wearing the colors of the Irish-American Athletic Club, won the National Senior Cross Country Run of the Amateur Athletic Union today over the six mile course in 33:36, a new record for the Van Cortlandt course. Kolehmainen led all the way, winning by about 60 yards from Arthur J. Fogel, of the Irish-American Athletic Club who finished 30 yards ahead of his club mate, Thomas Barden. Fogel's time was 33:49.

The team prize was won by the Irish-American Athletic Club with 16 points. The New York Athletic Club was second with 49 and Mercury Athletic Club, Philadelphia, third, with 60 points. There were 22 starters.

WALTER CAMP NAMES ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

Honors Players from 16 Colleges

Harvard Leads With Five, All on First Team; Dartmouth Second, With Four Men Named on the Different Teams.

New York, Dec. 12.—The all-American football team selections of Walter Camp announced here tonight include three full elevens with players from 16 colleges and universities. Harvard leads with five players, all on the first team, the Army is second with four and Dartmouth, Yale and Washington and Jefferson each place three. The selections follow:

First Team.

End, Hardwick, Harvard; Tackle, Ballin, Princeton; Guard, Pennock, Harvard; Center, McEwan, West Point; Guard, Chapman, Illinois; Tackle, Trumbull, Harvard; End, O'Hearn, Cornell; Quarter, Ghee, Dartmouth; halfback, Maulbetsch, Michigan; Halfback, Bradlee, Harvard; fullback, Mahan, Harvard.

Second Team.

Merrillat, West Point; Nash, Rutgers; Jordan, Texas; Des Jardien, Chicago; Shenk, Princeton; Patterson, Washington and Jefferson; Brann, Yale; Barrett, Cornell; Spiegel, Washington and Jefferson; Cahill, Lehigh; Legore, Yale.

Third Team.

Solen, Minnesota; Halligan, Nebraska; Spears, Dartmouth; Cruikshank, Washington and Jefferson; Meacham, West Point; Weyland, West Point; Overesch, Annapolis; Wilson, Yale; Pogue, Illinois; Talman, Rutgers; Whitney, Dartmouth.

BUSY WEEK AT Y.M.C.A. "GYM."

Large Number of Men and Boys Use Physical Privileges—Outline of Activities Given.

The interest among the men and boys at the Y. M. C. A. is still on the increase as will be seen by the following figures: A total of 1,165 men and boys used the physical privileges during the last week, including those attending the regular classes, those participating in the athletic events, basketball games, indoor baseball games and handball games. Twelve gymnasium classes were conducted for boys with a total attendance of 281 and nine classes for the men with a total attendance of 158. Forty-two handball games were played. Six basketball games were played with 72 men and boys taking part. Twelve athletic events were pulled off with 118 boys taking part.

Tuesday afternoon the junior preps held their weekly Classified Athletic League with the following results: The first game of indoor baseball resulted in a tie, each team, Harvard and Navy receiving 50 points for their efforts. On the track they again split even, each winning one event. The relay race went to Harvard, that team winning by just a slight margin, and the double broad jump went to Navy by three inches.

Following is the standing of Junior classified Athletic League to date:

Harvard	733.5
Carlisle	654.1
Navy	557.76
Yale	552.44

On Thursday afternoon the Juniors held their weekly Classified Athletic League with the following results: The first basketball game was between Davidson and A. & M. and went to a tie score after hard and fast playing, each team receiving 50 points. On the track however, the Davidson bunch got going and succeeded in taking both the jump and relay race, winning the jump by one foot and the relay by two yards. The second game was between Wake Forest and Carolina and resulted in a walk-away for the Wake Forest quintette, the score being 4 to 1 in their favor, that gave them 50 points to their opponents 20. When the teams hit the track Wake Forest could not be stopped by the Carolina bunch and they took both the relay and jump, winning the jump by six inches and the relay by six yards.

Following is the standing of the Employed Boys' Classified Athletic League to date:

Nightingales	513.08
Eagles	404.3
Sparrows	383.75
Blue Birds	288.7

In the first basketball game between the Nightingales and the Sparrows resulted in a final score of 16 to. 7 in favor of the former, and on the running track they also captured the jump by one and one-half feet, but lost the relay by one post.

The second game between the Blue Birds and Eagles was one of the best exhibitions of basketball ever seen in Wilmington. From the time the referee tossed the ball at center until the time keeper blew his whistle for time it was impossible to tell which one would come out ahead. Finally in the last minute of play the Eagles succeeded in throwing the winning goal, which won the game by a close score of 17 to 15. In the relay the Blue Birds won by one post, but lost the jump by five feet.

FIELD TRIALS BEGIN AT LETOHATCHIE MONDAY

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 12.—Officers and members of the Southern Field Trials club, began to arrive here tonight to prepare for the annual meeting which begins at Letohatchie Monday. Drawing for the derby stakes will be held tomorrow night and the drawing for the all-age stakes will take place Monday night.

The judges of the meet this year are Leon T. Cheek, Nashville, Tenn., and W. F. Garth, Huntsville, Ala.

"The Master Key," Dec. 23.
(Advertisement.)

MR. AND MRS. F. W. DICK WON

Took First Place in Mixed Foursome Handicap With Net Score of 45. The Detailed Score.

In a mixed foursome handicap tournament on the links of the Cape Fear Country Club yesterday afternoon, characterized by the extreme closeness of the scores, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Dick were the winners of first place with a net score of 45. Second honors went to Miss Florence Kidder and Mr. Raymond Hunt with 46 and honorable mention was awarded Miss Katie Grainger and Dr. J. W. Stanly, who turned in a score of 47.

The winners were awarded a very handsome cut glass flower vase in a silver container as first prize. Golf balls were awarded to the winners of second place. Twenty-four players entered the contest.

The air was crisp and bracing and conditions were ideal for golf, which fact may have been responsible for the close scores turned in. The mixed foursome tournament is one of the most important events of the year in which the ladies and gentlemen compete together, and keen interest attended its outcome yesterday.

The following are the scores, play consisting of one round of nine holes:

	Gras.	Hkp.	Nt.
Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Dick	55	10	45
Miss F. Kidder and Mr. R. Hunt	59	13	46
Miss K. Grainger and Dr. J. W. Stanly	56	9	47
Mrs. A. J. Northrop and Mr. C. M. James	55	6	49
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Townes	60	11	49
Mrs. Hugh MacRae and Mr. J. J. Blair	67	17	50
Miss E. P. Kidder and Mr. M. Calder	59	8	51
Mrs. L. Delano and Mr. D. W. Gross	69	16	53
Miss M. Pleasants and Mr. A. G. Chalmers	67	13	54
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Barker	67	12	55
Mrs. J. V. Grainger and Mr. W. A. French	63	8	55
Mrs. C. Grainger and Mr. D. MacRae	72	13	59

MISS STEVENSON AND MR. HOGUE WON IN TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Defeated Miss Kate Northrop and Mr. G. Kidder in Finals Yesterday.

The semi-finals and finals of the tennis tournament which has been in progress at the Cape Fear Country Club for the past 10 days were played off yesterday afternoon, Miss Christine Stevenson and Mr. Cyrus Hogue taking first honors. The results were as follows:

In the semi-finals Miss Kate Northrop and Mr. G. E. Kidder defeated Miss Smallbones and Maj. H. W. Stickle 6-2 and 6-4.

In the finals Miss Stevenson and Mr. Hogue defeated Miss Northrop and Mr. Kidder 6-3 and 6-2, thereby winning the tournament.

This is the first tennis tournament held at the Country Club in two years and the interest manifested in the game is gratifying to the members of the club.

The Tennis Committee plans to hold several other tournaments this winter and spring, the first of which will be played during the Christmas holidays.

FEDERAL LEAGUE BEGINS TO COUNT "UNHATCHED CHICKS"

Will Meet to Formulate Plans for Distribution of Players.

New York, Dec. 12.—Robert Ward, vice president of the Federal League, announced today that a meeting of the league's executive committee will be held in Chicago December 16 to decide on a system of distributing players when they are "captured" from the National or American leagues. The committee will formulate plans to make it impossible for any Federal League club owner to overload his team with stars.

Ward denied that action was taken at the recent Federal League meeting to cut down the roster of players and said every player who "showed enough faith in the Federal League to desert socalled organized baseball, would be protected to the end of his agreement even though it necessitates the carrying of high-salaried men in bench and coaching roles."

HARVARD'S 1915 SCHEDULE SHOWS RADICAL CHANGES

Five Teams Played With This Year Have Been Dropped.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 12.—There will be radical changes in Harvard's 1915 football schedule according to a statement from an authentic source tonight. Five teams which the Crimson faced this fall have been dropped. These are Michigan, Washington and Jefferson, Springfield Y. M. C. A. college, Tufts and Bates.

Colby probably will open the season at the stadium, Trinity, a newcomer, will have the second game, and Pennsylvania State will come third. Games with Princeton, Brown and Yale again will close the Crimson season, in that order.

For the three mid-season dates, Virginia, West Point, Carlisle, Cornell and Williams are under consideration.

VIRGINIA TO PLAY WITH HARVARD AND YALE TEAMS

Next Year's Football Schedule at Charlottesville.

Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 12.—Nine games, including contests with Harvard and Yale, will be played by the University of Virginia's 1915 football team, according to the schedule made public by the university's athletic authorities here tonight.

The games to be played away from Charlottesville are:

Yale at New Haven, October 2; Harvard at Cambridge, October 16, Georgia at Athens, October 23, South Carolina at Columbia November 13, and North Carolina at Richmond on Thanksgiving Day.

Contests to be played here are:

Randolph-Macon, September 25; Richmond College, October 9; Virginia Military Institute, October 30, and Vanderbilt, November 6.

Henley Regatta Postponed.

London, Dec. 12.—7:17 P. M.—The Henley regatta, England's classic rowing event, will not be held next year. The stewards so decided today because of conditions brought about by the war.

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Who put de-grade in Belgrade?

Buy something for Christmas and save trouble.

A while back ships were looking for cargoes. Now cargoes are looking for ships.

We seem to want Great Britain's wool worse than she seems to want our cotton.

A certain "ode to a poet" is enough to put the writer in bad odor with the poet.

Frost is on the pumpkin but many a pumpkin head seems to get there without a frost.

Visitors say Wilmington is the best city they have seen in the South since the war broke out.

The Russian troops have all they can do to keep the Czar's prohibition decree from being a failure.

When you owe a man, it's curious how easy it is to see him coming on the crowded streets of the biggest city in the country.

It is said that business will now get a rest but it must not take that to mean that it will be permitted to take the rest, in addition to what it already has taken.

With Christmas only two weeks away, the time is very short for married men to comply with the ultimatum with reference to what is fully expected of them.

The Republican candidate for governor in Texas reports that his campaign cost him $66. Some men don't mind spending that much money just to be contrary.

In order to find out what it costs to support a wife, ask your girl friend to give you an approximate idea. Her figures will indicate what she expects. She will also suspect your intention.

Representative Prouty, of Iowa, says a force of American squirrel hunters could prevent the landing of a hostile army on American soil. That surely is the way the squirrel hunters also think about it.

Neutrality was proclaimed in this country by President Wilson, but most Americans would not dare to go among any of the belligerents in Europe and use the same neutral expressions which they give vent to in this country.

When it was announced that the Kaiser was ill, gamblers on the New York and Chicago exchanges sold wheat recklessly. Of course, their idea was that if the Kaiser is down wheat will go down. Those are the people who are supposed to fix prices, and when they do it they base their price-fixing on just such incidents.

Says the New York World: "Secretary Daniels wants the Navy made more powerful 'in an orderly way.' Presumably without words and music." No doubt the Secretary can stand the music but he hates the idea of having words over what should be done by Congress and the administration as a matter of course—not as a matter of publicity.

If the army and navy isn't prepared for war, what could be said of the National Guard as a branch of the Nation's military establishment? Nearly every American thinks he could be a soldier without half trying, but it can be said that it does not take long to make an American a first class fighting man when the occasion calls for his service.

It is argued that a trust is a natural and inevitable development under modern business conditions, an dthat large capital and the consolidation of concerns is undoubtedly favorable to production and distribution. So it is, but the trust takes advantage of that economy for itself. In destroying competition and then raising prices, a trust allows no economic advantage for the people.

NEW $25,000 ENTERPRISE

A new Wilmington enterprise, established at a cost of $25,000 and calling for the expenditure of $50,000 or more for operations, will begin business within the next few days. We refer to the modern, sanitary abattoir of Messrs. J. J. Hopkins, Son & Co., on Smith's Creek, just two miles from the city on the Castle Haynes road. The plant is at the famous "San Souci" place, a farm a few years ago but now taking on the apeparance of a thrifty suburban village. Having seen the plant as it stands about ready for business, we can contgratulate Wilmington that it now has just such a modern utility as has been needed for at least half a century—certainly for the past twenty-five years.

In every respect the plant is a model one, and it should be ranked as one of the most necessary and important industrial enterprises which have marked the progress of Wilmington during 1914. It is significant also that Wilmington did not wait for outside promoters and capital to come and do what the city's own enterprising men should do for themselves and their city. The new abattoir enterprise was set on foot by Wilmington men and Wilmington capital—the one reliance that any city has to become an industrial center.

The San Souci abattoir plant consists of four separate brick buildings, every one with concrete floors and walls without a seam, so as to make it possible to flush the floors and walls, sterilize every inch of space and secure an absolutely sanitary condition in every department.

The abattoir building proper is 40 by 64 feet in size and in it is the business office, dressing rooms, bathroom, clothes lockers, the chill room, sausage factory, and slaughter department. When entering the building to work, the men discard their clothing and put on regulation sanitary clothes for the day's operations. When the day is ended they repair to the dressing rooms, take a shower bath and come forth in the garb in which they left home. All rooms and departments are completely separated from the others, with only doors and hallways for ingress or egress. The whole establishment can be flushed from top to bottom by hot or cold water and disinfected in any way desired, with the completest method for doing so with the greatest ease.

The slaughter department is a room 30 by 60 feet admirably arranged for sanitary killing and preparation of meat animals for market. In the rear to one side is the killing stall for beef cattle, and from it opens a door to the cattle run, up which the animals are driven into box-like pens for slaughter. When the killing act has been performed, the pulling of a level drops the carcass on a concrete floor from which it is immediately swung by the heels on an overhead trolley. The animal is thus completely bled, skinned and dressed, the carcass cut in halves and run by trolley into the chilling room where in eight hours it is ready for market.

The killing pen for hogs and sheep is also in the rear of the building and connecting it with the outside is a run up which the animals are driven to slaughter. When a hog is killed, for instance, it is swung from an overhead trolley, bled and dumped into a scalding vat alongside. By pulling a lever the animal is brought up out of the water and dropped on a cleaning table where it is scraped, cleaned and hung by the feet from an overhead trolley to be dressed and cut in halves for the chilling room. All the animals slaughtered are put through the final process without being handled after the dressing has been completed.

In the concrete floor of the slaughter roo mthere are drains which carry all the blood and other matter into a tank on the outside where it is settled and afterwards removed for use in making fertilizer. When the abattoir is fully in operation, one of the by-products will be fertilizer constituents and for the purpose of manufacturing it there is near but separate from the abattoir a two- story brick fertilizer reduction plant or factory, where all fats are pressed out by machinery and the fertilizer is ground, sacked and stored.

It requires only 20 minutes to kill and dress a beef by a crew of dressers, and 15 cattle can be dressed every hour or 120 during the operating day. All meats are run by trolley into the chill room and when they come out for market they swing from an overhead trolley on which they are weighed, sacked and delivered to a wagon without having to be touched. It requires only three minutes to kill and dress a hog or sheep and shoot the meat into the chill room where in eight hours all the animal heat has disapepared from the meat.

The abattoir also partakes of the nature of a factory, for in the main building there is a room in which sausage, liver and all kinds of wursts are manufactured. The company has secured the services of Mr. Carl Fredericks, who served his time in a German sausage factory and devoted eight years to learning the business from start to finish. The company will manufacture all pork and other sausages, including bologna, weinerwurst, etc., etc. The managers say they expect to make "San Souci Sausage" famous. There also is a tripe and liver room attached to the main building and in it all these by-products will be prepared in a completely sanitary way. The plant will produce more of such products than will supply the local demand, so that tripe, pigsfeet, etc., will be pickled and barrelled for the markets here and elsewhere.

Another building of the plant is one for hides and storage purposes, all brick and concrete, so as to carry out the main idea of sanitation. The boiler room is a brick building, with concrete floor, totally separate from all other buildings. It contains a 35-horsepower boiler which will provide steam for running the machinery in the sausage factory and the fertilizer factory. In the fertilizer plant the pressing and grinding machinery will be operated by a 20-horsepower engine which will be supplied with steam through a pipe from the boiler room.

Alongside the boiler house is a deep driven well from which the water analyses as pure as that from the artesian wells in the city. From it water is pumped into a tank on top of the boiler room, so all the hot or cold water used throughout the establishment is just as pure and good as can be had in the best regulated home in the city.

The entire abattoir plant is connected by the company's own railroad track with the Atlantic Coast Line, so shipments of cattle or meats can be handled in or out of the plant from all over the country. The plant also is located right on Smith's Creek, which is navigable up to that point by all the river boats and barges operating in these waters.

Cattle received from tick infested countries will be penned separately and while being driven into the pen will pass through a dipping vat constructed according to the requirements of the United States government. Thus there will be afforded a market for the cattle of all of Eastern North Carolina, so that the plant here ought to be a means of promoting the development of the cattle industry. The company will either buy meat anmals or do custom slaughtering at a low rate—for instance, $1 per head for cattle, 50 cents for calves and 25 to 50 cents per head for hogs or sheep.

J. J. Hopkins, Son & Co., is an incorporated concern and all those conected with it are experienced in the business. The officers are as follows: President, Greene Fenley; vice presidents; D. N. Chadwick, Jr., secretary and treasurer, C. S. Hopkins. President Fenley was for years connected with the Armour Packing Company and besides him the company will have six experts, one at the head of each abattoir department.

ACADEMIC STATESMANSHIP

After reading the war debates in Congress and befors the House committee we have come to the conclusion that the chief thing accomplished has been to demonstrate how academic the whole affair is. During the discussions, statements, and references to our naval and army preparedness, there have been disclosures that no well organized government could afford to have aired in the open. It lessens our confidence in American statesmanship to observe what little judgment and wisdom are displayed in openly handling such a grave question.

How easy it has been for some to rush in and put their foot in it and think they have done something. Some of the gentlemen ought to be ashamed to take the notoriety they are after, and certainly the American people ought to refuse to acord them anything bordering on reputation. We might as well be admiring constituents of Tom Horner, "Little Tom Horner sat in a corner, eating a Christmas pie; He stuck in his thumb and pulled out a plumb, And said 'What a brave boy am I.'"

Little Tom thought he had done something great. We fancy Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, was the original Little Tom Horner. The Massachusetts congressman certainly has gotten into the limelight but it has shown how little judgment and discretion he has for a man so "high up" as he is. His notoriety certainly does not entitle him to reputation, but, ten to one, he thinks he has struggled along and finally acquired one. Furthermore, there are people who will think he has acquired fame and will give him credit for having made a fine reputation in Congress.

We renig! However, we would have considered him a great American if he had hired a hall, pulled down the blinds and taken the initiative in a movement to discover the needs of the navy and army and brought about their completer preparedness for any eventuality. As it is, his peculiar activity will astonish other nations and they will laugh at such statesmanship, whether Americans take it seriously or not. If he were absolutely right, he is everlastingly wrong in his tenderfoot method—unless his real motive was to get what was coming to him in the cheapest kind of notoriety. For creating a "tempest in a teapot" he will surely get what he was doubtless after.

It is time for this country to be getting over the era of its crude and academic statesmanship.

RED CROSS STAMPS.

The sale of Red Cross Stamps during the next ten days will be large if all who send away Christmas packages or mail letters appropriate to the season will see to it that stamps go on everything they mail or send. The fund raised by the sale of Red Cross Stamps is used to wage war on tuberculosis and as it is a fight for the human race, no one should forget to invest a few cents in this great cause.

Every little helps, as the North Carolina State Board of Health reminds us. Wilmington used to lead in the sale of stamps but, according to a bulletin issued by the State Board of Health, Winston-Salem now leads. Here is the before Christmas bulletin of the State board:

"If the government can raise millions of dollars to meet the deficit caused by the European war by the sale of stamps; if the government can run its great postoffice department by the sale of stamps, mostly the one and two-cent kind; if the street car companies and the five and ten cent stores of Woolworth and Kress can grow rich on nickles, North Carolina can raise a sufficient sum to stamp out tuberculosis in her borders by the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals.

"The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis has placed on sale in the United States one hundred and fifteen million of these stamps to be sold at a cent a piece. This means that $1,500,000 will be raised to fight tuberculosis, in case all the stamps are sold. North Carolina hopes to sell two million Seals and thereby raise $20,000 for the fight.

"Winston-Salem now leads in the sale, having placed a hundred thousand and given her order for 50,000 more. A Newbern lady sold 7,000 in one day; a Hendersonville lady sold 3,000 in one afternoon, while a lady in Southern Pines sold 1,000 in one morning and drove to the Sanatorium in her automobile for three thousand more. The outlook for the largest sale North Carolina has ever had is bright and promising."

"Despise not the day of little things." Buy your share of Red Cross Christmas Seals now.

WAR TIME ECONOMY.

Times like the present teach people the virtue as well as the necessity of economy, and perhaps it is a good thing for this country that it shall for a while have its habit of extravagance brought home to it. Various economical examples are being set for us, and it is notable that the ladies are the prime movers. Even the society ladies have taken up the idea, and they are setting examples that are worthy of being followed. In Baltimore 34 debutantes have signed an agreement to respect the exigenices of the European war by avoiding competition in extravagance in dress. They also will celebrate their "coming out" in an unostentatious way.

When Japan declared war on Germany, and demanded the surrender of Kiao Chau, she declared she would return the territory to China to which it belonged. Japan, having captured it from the Germans, now announces that she has not decided what to do with Kiao Chau. American papers are expressing regret that Japan is about to go contrary to her original intentions, but we never had any idea from the very beginning that the seized territory would ever again be China's so's she'd notice it. If Japan has no particular use for it, she has allies who have. She may as well have it as any of them, so what is it to Americans?

Having been criticised for making speeches, Vice-President Marshall says: "It is nobody's business whether I deliver speeches or what I do, so long as I behave myself." Sure, Mike. He has just as much right to speak as critics have to butt in with heads like a cabbage. Critics also have their rights but some do not seem to have their wits. The King's fool had a right to poke fun at the court chamberlain.

The Greensboro News has said "something" on the subject of poetry and "potry". We have observed that rhymesters have won fame in North Carolina, but if the discriminating News is going to reverse the standard for metric production, we shall refrain from our fell design to grind out an occassional quatrain. Prosaic scribes are worth their weight in gold. But no real tale in verse can they unfold.

It is pointed out that an elephant sleeps only five hours out of twenty-four, but so far as our observation goes an elephant might as well sleep the other nineteen hours. He spends his life sawing wood, playing the role of consumer, and manifestly enjoying an immense amount of imperturbability whether school keeps or not. Probably that is the reason an elephant lives longer than people who worry.

The American wool interests have appealed to President Wilson not to do anything to get England to raise her embargo on the exportation of wool. This shows that England's embargo is equally as good protection as Senator Aldrich could give if he were on deck again. It shuts out competition from abroad. The interests are still alive to their interests.

Those who insist that Uncle Sam isn't prepared for unffiendliness had better not make out like they want to pull his chin whiskers.

CURRENT COMMENT.

From reports in the papers it would seem that Columbus, Sampson, Cumberland, Halifax and Harnett are the biggest cotton-holding counties in the State, possibly because they have better warehouse facilities. It has been stated that about 20,000 bales are held in Cumberland county alone. Scotland and Robeson counties have nothing else but cotton to hold, but lack the ability of the farmers in the other counties to keep their staple off the market. It is probable that more cotton is now being held in warehouses and on the farms in this State at the present time than has ever been known. In the all-cotton counties this holding movement is pretty hard on the time merchant, but that the farmers are able to hold in such large quantities reflects in general a prosperous condition on the farms.—Charlotte Observer.

With all due deference to those earnest souls who are patriotically agitated over the United States' lack of preparation for war, especially the alleged inadequacy of the navy, has the reason ever occurred to them for the failure of Great Britain to invade Germany from the North Sea? The deterring cause is not the Kaiser's dreadnoughts and battleships, which are safely concentrated in the Kiel Canal or the Baltic, nor is it the forts of Helgoland and other points. The British fleet keeps away because it knows that all the waters leading to the German naval bases and such great ports as Hamburg and Bremen are thoroughly mined and that certain destruction would follow any attempt to approach the land. If Germany is able thus to protect herself against the most formidable array of warships the world has ever seen, whose base is only a few hundred miles away, is there any good reason why the United States should not adopt a similar method of self defense in the very remote contingency of a war involving it within the next ten years? If the coast defenses and the navy need strengthening the work should be done in an intelligent and well-devised manner, without any hysterical haste. Germany has shown us how well a coast line can be guarded against a mighty foe. In the meantime it is just as well to remember that the War Colleges of the army and navy have made a study of these problems for years and that it is not to be assumed that they have not prepared plans for protection against attack. Certainly we are safe until Christmas. After that the country will find more really important things to think of.—Philadelphia Record.

A CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The following appeal was written in September but has just reached America. I know of the good work being done by these four orphanages in Bohemia, Austria, and that even in times of peace they are dependent upon the gifts of the charitable for the support of the poor little ones for whom they care. Now that war has cut off gifts from England and reduced those from Germany to almost nothing, they must indeed be in sore straits, and war relief from America has so largely gone to the western war zone that the eastern—and these orphanages—will have benefited little from American sympathy. And yet there are so many, many orphans in Bohemia and these orphanages would so gladly help them if they could. If this Christmas appeal touches you as it has touched me, and you will send me your gifts, either cash or stout garments suitable for boys and girls from 4 to 16 years of age, I will gladly see that they are forwarded, and what is beyond the needs of the orphans within the orphanages will be distributed outside. And I feel sure that they will be reckoned by those in charge of the orphanages as an answer to the faith that breathes through the appeal.

ADELAIDE L. FRIES,
President, N. C. F. W. C.
Winston-Salem, N. C., 224 Cherry St.

"When you read this, Christmas will be at the door, and how will be celebrate Christmas? With thankfulness or in deep trouble? Will we be able to place beneath the Christmas tree a gift or two for our children, or will we be in need of the bare necessities of life? Will songs swell from happy hearts, or will it be hard to sing the hymns of inward joy because of the contrast between this and other Christmasses? We do not know.

"But if we know not how it will be with us, we do know that the holy Christmas message remains the same, "Unto us is born this day a Saviour who is Christ the Lord." And in this we and our children will rejoice even though this year we have no other Christmas joy.

"But let us say one word about Christmas. We do not ask for luxuries, but for absolutely necessary things. As we face the war winter we are most anxious for the children in our orphanages. Where shall we get food and drink, lights and fuel, where the warm clothing to replace that which is worn out? For our usual gifts are failing—and yet our support depends upon the gifts of friends. But if the Lord touches your hearts to help us and our children through this winter we know that in return He will also bless you and yours. From others we ask nothing, but we appeal to those who hear a call from the heavenly Father, 'Help the orphans of Bohemia!' And God will bless you that you shall not suffer, and us that we shall live."

(From the Bohemian Orphanages.)

NAME FOR MARKET STREET

To the Editor of The Star:

As the name of Market street is about to be changed I would like to make the timely suggestion of "Central Avenue," thinking it appropriate, logical and convenient.

MARKET ST. PROPERTY OWNER.

Second Sermon Tonight.

Rev. J. D. Bundy will preach at Grace Methodist church this evening the second of his series of sermons on the second coming of Christ, his subject being "The Maternal Signs of His Early Coming." Next Sunday evening the subject of the third sermon of the series will be "The Spiritual Signs of His Early Return to the Earth."

"The Master Key," Dec. 23.
(Advertisement.)

SANTA CLAUS STORE

Yes, the Store is Crowded to Overflowing, with Bright New Holiday Goods, New Ideas, New Fancy Articles, the kind that make appreciated gifts. Dolls, all sizes, from 5c to $7.50. Toys of almost every kind and size. Games, Lanterns, Moving Picture Machines, Drums, Pianos, Carriages, Irish Mails, Wagons, Automobiles, Rubber Tired Ball Bearing Velocipedes, and many other New Articles that are New and Attractive, and a Full Store of Useful and Serviceable Merchandise.

Shoes and Slippers make most acceptable Christmas Gifts and we can supply your every need.

School Girls' and Boys' Shoes, the best makes, styles and guaranteed workmanship, such as the Scuffers, and other well known brands.

Ladies' Shoes, plain toe, grey top, patent leather, new heel, now on sale at .. ..$3.00, $3.50 and $4.40

Crochet Slippers, all colors and all sizes; Special Christmas Sale, 50c

Ladies' Boudoir Slippers, all sizes, blue, pink and red, at 75c

Hosiery, all kinds, for the old, the young, the miss and the boys.

Women's black, guaranteed linen heel and toe, medium weight, only 25c

Silk Hose for Christmas Gifts, at only .. .. ..25c, 50c, $1.00 and $1.50

Get your husband a new hat; best styles, derby or soft Hat, for only .. ..$1.50, $2.00 and $3.00

Ladies' Christmas Neckwear, all the new fads you'll find here, at only .. ..25c, 50c to $1.50

Handkerchiefs for Christmas Gifts put up in fancy boxes, at per box only ...15c to $1.50

Pocket Books, new styles and big assortment, both silver and real leather.

It's Balmacaans these days; this is an opportune time to make your money count farthest. You can get one of these new garments for .. ..$10.00 (Regular price, $12.50.)

We also have full supply College Coats for Young Men and Boys, ages 6 to 16; splendid value; regular price, $8.50, at . . .$6.50

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Don't forget while Down Town Shopping to call at our New Store, next to Atlantic Trust and Banking Co. There you'll find a splendid variety of Fancy Goods, Toys and Fire Works.

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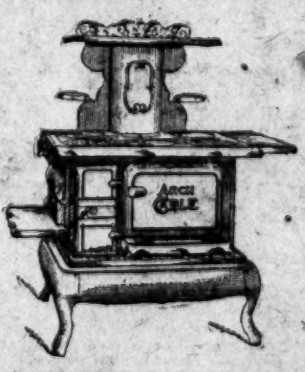

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Three hundred bunches Jamaica Bananas.
Four thousand Jamaica Cocoanuts.
Five hundred boxes good Sweet Florida Oranges.
One hundred and fifty barrels good, sound Red Apples.
Twenty kegs Malaga Grapes.
Also Cabbage, Potatoes and Onions.

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HIGH PRAISE FOR CITY AND COUNTY

Prof. Branson Writes in University News Letter

Prominent Educator Says No Wonder Wilmington and County Win Distinction for Achievements in Many Lines.

Prof. E. C. Barnson, of the chair of rural economics and sociology at the University of North Carolina and also head of the editorial board of the University of North Carolina News Letter, published weekly by the Bureau of Extension of the University, who was in Wilmington during the recent observance of community service week, has in the current issue of The News Letter several most complimentary editorial comments on the observance of the week in the city and county.

Under the head of "The Larger Citizenship," Professor Branson has the following:

"If every county and community in North Carolina observed community service week after the fashion and in the spirit of Wilmington and New Hanover county, it means a wider horizon, a greater vision, and a larger citizenship everywhere in the State.

"The Chamber of Commerce, every school in the city, the country schools, the city and the county school officials, the bankers and business men, the lawyers, the physicians, teachers and preachers, all took part in the various occasions of the week.

Citizen—Patriots.

"Wilmington has a rarely large number of citizen-patriots—lawyers like Carr, and Rountree; business men like McRae and Van Luven, Bear and Willard, Corbett and Sasser, Sprunt and Taylor; bankers like Grainger and Gouveneur; physicians like Nesbitt, and editors like Clawson and Cowan.

"Here are men who are not devoted solely and singly to private business affairs. They are not sons of Mammon; they are servants of man. They are community builders all; and there are many more in Wilmington.

"In various ways they and many other men like them are giving themselves to generous thinking about Wilmington and New Hanover county.

"They support Mr. Herring, the efficient farm demonstrator, as he works for a realization of the agricultural possibilities of the county. They held up the hands of M. C. S. Noble, and they are freely at the command of Blair and Catlett in building up both the city and country schools.

"No wonder New Hanover county wins distinction for its achievements in health and public sanitation. No wonder the roads of the county are the best in North Carolina. No wonder there is less illiteracy among the native whites in New Hanover than any other county in the State.

"The wealth of Wilmington supports an eight and one-half months' country school in every school district. Handsome, well equipped, brick buildings are going up in the country regions, while Wilmington's beautiful new school buildings distinguish it among the cities of the United States."

A Unique Memorial.

Relative to the Isaac Bear Memorial school Professor Branson has the following comment:

"The Isaac Bear Memorial school in Wilmington was erected entirely at the expense of his brother, Mr. Samuel Bear, one of the leading Jew merchants and citizens of the city.

"The money, some $25,000 in all, was placed in the hands of the board of education before Mr. Bear went to Europe last summer. The building was erected and equipped during his absence. He attached no conditions to the gift, and the property belongs to the city.

"We do not know such another thing in the whole history of public education in America.

"It memorializes a worthy life and symbolizes the larger citizenship, for which Wilmington stands.

"It is the first of such memorials and will be an incentive to many more of similar sort in the years to come."

BOY ESCAPES FROM FARM

Edgar Hart Disappeared Over a Week Ago—Parents Anxious.

Edgar Hart, a 16-year-old boy, who was sent to the New Hanover county farm at the last term of Superior Court for 12 months on a charge of larceny, escaped about a week ago and has not since been seen, although the superintendent, Mr. P. H. Rasberry, has made every effort to locate him. He was locked up in a room for the night and made his escape by pulling out a staple.

His father, Mr. W. J. Hart, who lives at No. 508 Queen street, is anxious about hm and would appreciate it very much if anyone knowing his whereabouts will let him know. Superintendent Rasberry would also like to know where he is. The boy's mother has been ill for several weeks.

When last seen he had on a blue serge suit and wore knee pants. He is rather large for his age and talks a great deal. He is of a nervous temperament which makes it hard to control him.

AN OFFER TO LOAD COTTON

But Baltimore & Carolina Steamer Will Remain on This Line.

The Baltimore & Carolina Steamship Company's steamer Henry Williams sailed on Friday for the regular trip to Charleston, Wilmington and Georgetown, S. C., and will likely arrive here today. The following from yesterday's Baltimore Sun, in this connection, will be read with interest:

"An offer to charter the Baltimore & Carolina Steamship Company's steamer Henry Williams for cotton has been rejected just at this time by President Williams because of its interference with the new Wilmington business now being pushed, with calls at Charleston and Georgetown, S. C. The Williams will carry about 4,300 bales, and the rates offered would have approximated $60,000. The charter called for delivery at Bremen from New Orleans."

Real Estate Transfers.

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: Fidelity Trust and Development Company to Mrs. Susan G. Messick, of Pender county, for $1 and other considerations, lot No. 26 in block 41, Sunset Park; J. D. Edwards and others to O. T. Wallace, for $100 and other considerations, tract of five acres at Winter Park Gardens.

"The Master Key," Dec. 23. (Advertisement.)

PROSPECTS FOR GOOD TRADE

Christmas Shoppers Are Already Busy Selecting Presents—Luxuries Are Being Avoided.

While it is not expected that the volume of Christmas shopping in Wilmington this year will be as large as it was last year, merchants are disposed to be optimistic and do not feel that the trade will be materially lessened. The tendency to economize is evident on every hand and shoppers are more inclined than is usually the case to confine their buying to those things, which are classed as being useful. Luxuries of every sort are being eschewed.

Many of the merchants have avoided the extensive purchase of articles of the latter class, feeling that people are greatly disposed now to be practical in their buying. By eschewing luxuries is not meant that those things which are always associated with the festive spirit of Christmas are not being purchased.

The children will have their toys as usual and Wilmington is fortunate in this respect in that several of her enterprising firms have purchased an extensive line of toys of all kinds and will have a sufficient supply to take care of all demands. The European war has made the importation of toys almost impossible and had it not been for the foresight of these merchants, Wilmington would have been without many toys.

The stores are already assuming the animated appearance of the Christmas holidays. The injunction, "Shop Early," which has been given much publicity is evidently having its effect and this week will witness a large increase in trade.

The shopping is general, all classes of business enjoying a good trade during the past week. The buying, however, has been greater in some lines than others.

Stores were thronged with Christmas shoppers yesterday afternoon, the majority of these being women. The men with their chronic habits of procrastination will doubtless wait until the last minute to make their purchases.

The stores have been working for months preparing for the holiday season and have everything in readiness for the big trade of the next two weeks.

Working and not grumbling is the slogan adopted by most of the merchants and while regret is felt that the European war should have interfered with plans made months ago there is a growing disposition to make the best of things and to face the future with that strength of purpose and determination that is coming more and more to be characteristic of America and Americans.

SOUTHPORT NOT IN HURRY.

Citizens Get Out Injunction Against Mayor and Board.

Judge Oliver H. Allen, who is presiding over the present term of Superior Court in Wilmington, upon the petition of Capt. J. J. Adkins and others, of Southport, has issued an order temporarily restraining the mayor of that place, and the Board of Aldermen from entering into a contract or from taking further steps towards securing a system of waterworks and sewerage. A hearing will be held here in the matter before Judge George Rountree on December 28th.

Robert Ruark, Esq., represents the protesting citizens, who allege in their complaint that the signing of the contract to secure waterworks and sewerage will involve the issuing of $45,000 in bonds and that in order to take care of such an issue the tax rate would have to be raised higher than is allowed by law.

The real objection of the citizens is said to be that the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen were thought to be on the point of entering upon a contract without securing disinterested advice. They are not so much averse to having the improvements, it is said, but they do not want them too quickly.

STOLE TWO MATTRESSES.

Two Colored Men Sent to County Roads by Recorder for Larceny.

J. H. Evans and Louis Toomer, both colored, were sentenced yesterday by Recorder Brooke G. Empie to serve 90 days each on the county roads on a charge of stealing two mattresses from Julia Perkins, also colored. The latter was in court and testified that one of the mattresses was the one on which her husband had died. While giving her testimony she fainted, which caused considerable excitement in the court room.

A nol pros with leave was taken in cases against Blanche Banks and Mary Shaw, both colored, charged with vagrancy. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs on Jno. Harllee, colored, for a violation of the automobile law, in driving a car under another person's registered license number.

CORRECT TIME BY WIRELESS.

G. W. Huggins, Wilmington Jeweler, Installs Telegraph Apparatus.

Mr. G. W. Huggins, the well known Wilmington jeweler, now receives the correct time twice daily from Arlington by wireless, the apparatus having just been installed in his store by Mr. R. G. Rankin, who has made a special study of this interesting subject. The time is ticked off direct from Arlington at noon and also at 10 P. M., this being the quickest method known for transmitting messages.

The apparatus can also be used for receiving other messages but as there are no operators in the store, this feature will not be used. No sender is attached as Mr. Huggins says he has no use for that. The apparatus is simply to get the time from headquarters direct.

WINSTON NEGRO ARRESTED.

Bunk Medley Skipped Bond and is Located in Wilmington by Police.

Bunk Medley, colored, who is said to have left Winston-Salem after being put under a $300 bond for his appearance in court to answer to a charge of selling cocaine, was arrested by Policeman J. F. Jordan yesterday morning. The Chief of Police of Winston-Salem was immediately notified and Officer L. W. Kimball, of that city, arrived here last night and will carry the negro back today.

Chief of Police Williams was requested several days ago to have the police officers look out for Medley, it having been learned that he was in Wilmington. Medley did not deny being the man wanted.

—Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of Southside Baptist church, returned last night from Raleigh, where he attended the Baptist State Convention, and will occupy his pulpit this morning and evening. Rev. Dr. J. H. Foster, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, returned Friday.

APPEAL FOR WAR SUFFERERS

Letter From Dinard, France, Shows Great Need of Belgian Refugees —No Anesthetics.

An urgent appeal for the war sufferers at Dinard, France, where there are said to be 16,000 refugees, has been sent out from New York by the committee of Belgian industry. Mrs. Nina L. Duryea is in charge of the work at that point, and has written several letters to the American press telling of the urgent need, not only for supplies, but also for surgical instruments, iodine and anesthetics with which to treat the suffering. Mr. George Stuart Smith, her brothers, of New York, is making an earnest effort to secure means with which to render aid to the suffering.

Mrs. Clayton Giles, Jr., of Wilmington, has already secured some money to send to the sufferers and will appreciate any assistance that anyone may feel disposed to give. Donations of surgical instruments will be gladly received and also of money. It is not desirable to send merchandise of any kind from this point, as it can be purchased cheaper at the shipping point, the transportation charges being saved.

Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Giles at No. 1704 Princess street, or to No. 16 Princess street and they will be promptly forwarded to the proper persons.

Appeals published in the New York Times have received a generous response. A letter from the committee in charge telling something of the awful suffering is as follows:

"All purchases with cash contributed have been confined to anti-tetanus serums, and chloroform (or ether), excepting a small part of iodine and special tubing for draining deep wounds.

"Thus, by curing lockjaw, and preventing the agony of surgery without anesthetics, the donors of money can have the gratification of knowing that it has been used to perform the maximum humanitarian service.

"You will be glad to learn that all shipments are arriving safely, and each is doing its part in the great aggregate power of good.

"In view of the explicit statement, of urgent need, further contributions are solicited. In other letters, I have learned that France is swept practically bare of iodine and anesthetics, also anti-tetanus serum, and many deaths occur among the wounded from shock and from lockjaw.

"Even surgical instruments are practically all worn out, and I am urged to gather such as are discarded in the United States, as they are much better than what are left in France.

"Ask your own physician to notify his associates in a comprehensive manner through his local medical societies.

"Everything will have careful attention, and cash contributors will be furnished an audited accounting later.

"Shipping directions and all other information will be promptly furnished. Small individual donations gladly accepted."

Following is an extract from letter of Mrs. Duryea:

"Dinard, France, Nov. 15, 1914.—My appeal was apparently most effective, as money and clothing are pouring in, and my work here is stupendous. Florence Key has given me her villa, and the whole building is in use. Baronne de Broqueville, daughter-in-law of the Belgian prime minister, is in charge of the administrative part, assisted by two representatives of King Albert, whom he has sent to help us. We have twenty-two people rushing from 9 till 6. Things hum, and the good we do is immense. Offers have come to give good American homes to twenty-one orphan children. Every face I meet glows with appreciation. I was never so happy, and it seems like a dream."

"But we have ten buildings in Dinard used for hospitals, and there are 1,600 refugees in this vicinity and not enough of anything to go round."

"So as soon as I can turn to it, I must write again and borrow even more cash from the publib for these poor people, many very aged.

"You can tell people that nothing can be too late for a long time to come, and all they send will be instantly applied to alleviate suffering."

MR. SEARS COMING THIS WEEK.

Famous Lecturer Will Appear in Brigade Lyceum Course.

The sale of reserve seats for the next number of the Boys' Brigade Lyceum Course will open tomorrow morning and it is thought that because of the eminence of the lecturer and the humorous nature of his lecture, that the sale will go with a rush as did that for the last number, which was the heaviest on record for this course. This will be the last entertainment before the holidays, but soon after the first of the year the other musical numbers will begin, the first of these being the Beulah Buck Ladies' Quartette, whose splendid singing last year is well remembered. The Metropolitan Male Quartette will be heard during the latter part of January.

The lecture to be delivered next Tuesday is intended to be entertaining in the highest and best sense, being mixed with keen humor and wit, deep philosophy, pathos and tenderest sentiment which tends to arouse in the hearer all that is best in one's nature, to cause laughter, tears maybe, and earnest thought. Mr. Sears is a most eloquent speaker who has been on the lyceum and chautauqua platform for many years and he is said now to be at his best and his appearance on the Brigade platform will surely give great pleasure to all who hear him.

Of his lecture in Galveston, Texas, The News of that city said: "Galveston has had many men, prominent in all the various walks of life, lecture in the Star Course of the Young Men's Christian Association, but it is safe to say that few ever warmed the hearts of the hundreds who heard him as did Dr. H. W. Sears last night through his famous lecture 'More Taffy and Less Epitaphy'. His address was one of the sanest and brightest bits of philosophy listened to in Rosenburg Hall in some time and his audience attested their appreciation in innumerable ways."

HARLEE ARRESTED AGAIN

Charged With Reckless Driving of Automobile Friday Night.

John Harlee, colored, who was tried in Recorder's court and taxed with the costs for driving an automobile under another person's number, was rearrested by Constable Davis yesterday afternoon on a charge of reckless driving of an automobile. He gave bond in the sum of $100 for his appearance before Justice Harriss Tuesday morning to answer to the charge.

The warrant was sworn out by Mr. J. W. Howard, into whose buggy Harlee ran Friday night on the Scott's Hill road, tearing it up and injuring Mrs. Howard and a relative.

VERDICT FOR THE PLAINTIFF

Jury Awards J. T. Dooley $9,000 in Damage Suit Against Seaboard. Other Cases Yesterday.

A verdict for the plaintiff for $9,000 was returned by the jury in the case of J. T. Dooley, administrator, against the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company in Superior Court yesterday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock. A motion by counsel for the defense to set aside the verdict was continued by Judge Allen until some time this week to be argued.

This was the third trial of the case, in which the plaintiff was suing for damages for the death of his son, Mr. LeRoy Dooley, who was killed in a wreck at Bostic several years ago, while in the employ of the Seaboard. The last time the case was tried the plaintiff obtained a verdict for several thousand dollars less than the verdict returned yesterday, but a new trial was granted by the Supreme Court. Of the amount named in the verdict yesterday, $3,000 is for the father of the deceased and $6,000 for the mother. J. O. Carr, Esq., represented the plaintiff and Jon. D. Bellamy & Son appeared for the defendant. The case was taken up Friday and went to the jury yesterday about noon.

Mrs. Carrie M. Fulcher was yesterday granted a divorce from her husband, Jno. O. Fulcher.

An order signed yesterday morning by Judge Allen makes permanent the appointment of Mr. Henderson Cole as receiver for the Hopkins Furniture Company, the temporary order having been signed several days ago on application of Messrs. S. L. and C. C. Hopkins, who own the majority of the stock.

Jno. D. Bellamy, Esq., of Jno. D. Bellamy & Son, counsel for the plaintiff in the case of Jno. E. Lewis against the Wilmington Door & Lumber Company, in which the jury returned a verdict for the defendant Friday, yesterday moved that the verdict be set aside. Judge Allen continued the motion for argument until some time this week.

In the case of Roger Moore Sons & Co., against Geo. H. Crafts & Co., an order for dismissal was signed yesterday.

BIJOU THEATRE INSTALLS ELECTRIC CURRENT GENERATOR.

Will Generate Own Electric Current for Projecting Pictures.

Messrs. Howard & Wells completed the installation of an innovation at the Bijou Theatre Saturday in a motor electric current generator set, and in future will generate their own current for the arc lights on their picture projecting machine. This is the first of these outfits that has ever been installed in the city, and was put in at the Bijou at an expense of over $500.

The main feature in favor of the generator is that it furnishes a direct electric current instead of an alternating current, as is furnished by the city light and power system. This is very desirable in motion picture projection, as it does away entirely with the flickering and uneven light which is noticeable on the screen whene an alternating current is used. The direct current furnishes a steady flow of the "juice" at all times, and the improvement is readily seen at once when you witness a picture as now projected at the Bijou.

Another feature is that the light furnished is almost twice as strong as can be obtained with the alternating current, and insures much plainer and clearer projection of the pictures on the screen. The new system was tried out for the first time yesterday, and was eminently satisfactory, and will be a decided improvement at the Bijou Theatre.

SEARCH GAMBLING PLACE

Officers Found Nobody at Home—Apparatus Seized.

When Constable Davis and Mr. H. Mack Godwin searched a room over the old Riverside restaurant, corner Water and Market streets yesterday at noon, they found a complete outfit for gambling, including about a peck of pokr chips, a table for shooting crap, and also a table on which to play cards. It was located on the third floor of the building.

The room showed signs of having been recently occupied. The tables were so large that the legs had to be sawed off to get them downstairs, but the officers persevered and finally managed to get the stuff to the court house, where it will be kept awaiting further developments. The officers are said to be in possession of the names of several persons, who have used the room. No arrests were made yesterday.

The affidavit was signed by Mr. H. Mack Godwin and the search warrant was issued issued by Justice Harriss.

THANKS FOR DONATION.

Local Society Receives Letter from Prince of Wales.

Mr. David H. Scott, secretary of the United Society of St. George and St. Andrew, has received a letter from the Prince of Wales, thanking the organization for a donation to the National Relief Fund. The letter is as follows:

"Buckingham Palace, 24th Nov. 1914.

"Mr. David H. Scott, Secretary United Society of St. George and St. Andrew, Wilmington, N. C.

"Dear Sir:—I am desired by the Prince of Wales to thank you for the donation which you have so generously given to the National Relief Fund, and to express to you His Royal Highness' warm appreciation for your kindness.

"Your obedient servant,

"WALTER PEACOCK,

"Treasurer to His Royal Highness."

APPOINTED TO ANOTHER TERM

Mr. W. McD. Evans Has Served as Justice of Peace for 24 Years.

Mr. H. McD. Evans, who has served as justice of the peace in Brooklyn for 24 years and whose term of office expired last Monday, has been appointed by Governor Locke Craig for another term of two years. He received his appointment Tuesday and was immediately sworn in by Maj. W. N. Harriss, clerk of the Superior Court. He is well known in the city and his many friends will be glad to know that he is to continue as a justice of the peace. He was prevented from running as a candidate in the last Democratic primary owing to the fact that he served as registrar.

He has been elected as magistrate three times by the people, was appointed twice by the Legislature and once by the late Col. John D. Taylor, clerk of Superior Court.

—Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton, rector of St. James' Episcopal church, returned yesterday from New York, where he attended the quarterly meeting of the mission board of the Protestant Episcopal church of the United States. Dr. Milton is a member of the board.

New Gold and New Silver Coins

For the convenience of the public we have provided a large supply of New Gold and New Silver Coins of all denominations, and if you contemplate giving a New Coin as a Christmas Gift to your Employee, Friend or Relative, we will be pleased to have you make use of our service.

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A Great Variety of Pure Linen Towels, Kid Gloves and Silk Hosiery.

The Latest Novelties in Neckwear, Toilet Sets, Mesh Bags, and a Great Selection of Fancy Goods.

Would advise Early Shopping—in the mornings.

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—RAISINS, COCOANUTS, APPLES,
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500 boxes London Layer Raisins.
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Orders solicited. Prices Quoted.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Misses Mabel and Julia von Eberstein, of Chocowinity, N. C., are visiting Miss Alma Peschau.

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An enjoyable subscription dance was given at the Cape Fear Country club Friday evening. There were between 50 and 75 couples in attendance.

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Miss Lousie Worth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Worth, has returned from a visit to friends in Raleigh and at points in the western part of the State.

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Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: "Mr. and Mrs. Carson Taliaferro will spend the Christmas holidays in Wilmington with Mrs. Taliferro's family."

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Yesterday Charlotte Observer: "Miss Lula Taliaferro arrived home last night from Wilmington where she spent six weeks visiting relatives."

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There will be an important meeting of the Red Cross Society in the parlors of the Colonial Inn Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. All the members are urged to attend.

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Yesterday's Charlotte Observer: "Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Alexander are expected to arrive in the city tomorrow morning from New York, where they have been on a bridal trip for two weeks or more."

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Mrs. James Jennings, of Sumter, S. C., who is pleasantly remembered in Wilmington as Miss Nellie Fowler, is the guest of Miss Ellie White, No. 119 North Sixth street.

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Mr. William E. Lawson, city editor of The Evening Dispatch, and, Mrs. Lawson left yesterday afternoon on the Clyde Line steamer Cherokee for New York, where they will spend a week or two, guests at the York Hotel.

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The many friends of the family will be glad to know that Mrs. W. E. Farmer, who was operated on at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore last week, is doing nicely. Mr. Farmer, who accompanied her to Baltimore, has returned home.

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Miss Bessie Bellois, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Miss Annie Lydecker, of Jersey City, N. J., who have been the attractive guests for several weeks of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bellois, left for their homes yesterday afternoon on the Cherokee.

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The Junior division of the Missionary Society of Grace Methodist church will hold a public meeting in the lecture room Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. After a short business session a programme will be rendered consisting of two drills and other pleasing numbers. A collection will be taken to assist the children in their work.

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Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 12.—On Thursday evening among a small crowd of relatives and friends there was solemnized a most beautiful marriage at the home of Mayor L. F. Tillery, when Miss Annie Vyne Tillery, the daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Tillery, became the bride of Mr. J. W. Renshaw ,of Coffeeville, Miss.

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The ladies of Southside Baptist church will conduct a Christmas sale at the Boys' Brigade armory Thursday night, December 17th. Oysters, ice cream and cake will be served. A special feature will be the sale of dolls. There will be an attractive programme rendered and the public is cordially invited to attend. There will be no silver offering taken at the door.

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Greenville, N. C., Dec. 12.—At the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moore, Miss Susie Moore entertained Wednesday afternoon quite a number of friends, the occasion being the announcement of the coming marriage of Miss Vernessa Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Smith, of this city, and Mr. C. R. Townsend, of Farmville. A dainty Christmas stocking on which was painted "Townsend-Smith, February, 1015," was presented each guest.

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TO GIVE SACRED CANTATA AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The sacred cantata, "The Christ Child," by Hawley, will be sung at the First Baptist church Sunday evening, December 20th. A choir of 24 voices under the direction of Miss Cannie Chasten, organist and choir director, has been rehearsing the cantata for several weeks. This is an annual event during the Christmas holidays at the First Baptist church and the cantatas given in the last several years have been greatly appreciated by lovers of good music.

The choruses and solos in the cantata to be given this year are all well written. The harmonies are rich and beautiful, while the oratorical effects in both the choruses and the solos are especially notable.

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MR. & MRS. NORTHROP ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT OF DAUGHTER

Of interest in social circles throughout the State and elsewhere is the announcement yesterday by Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Northrop of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Florie Wright Northrop, to Mr. James P. Harris, of this city, the wedding to take place some time in April.

Miss Northrop is a beautiful and accomplished young woman and one of the most popular members of the younger set in Wilmington. Mr. Harris is a son of Col. Wade H. Harris, editor of the Charlotte Observer, and Mrs. Harris. He is a well known young business man making this city his headquarters, and is popular in social circles here and in Charlotte.

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Of interest here is the following from yesterday's Charlotte Observer:

"Cards reading as follows have been received in the city:

"Mr. and Mrs. George Herbert Smith
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their
daughter,
Mildred McRary,
to
Mr. Walter Lyford Griffith
On Wednesday, December 23,, at 5:30
o'clock in the afternoon,
Wilmington, N. C.
Will be at home after Feb. 1
at 3501 Cuming St., Omaha, Neb.

"The bride-elect is one of Wilmington's most attractive young women. She is related to Mrs. Thomas H. Haughton, of this city, and has a wide circle of friends, having frequently visited the Misses Haughton."

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ENTERTAIN IN HONOR OF NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fuller delightfully entertained at a reception Friday night, at the Fuller home, No. 422 South Front street, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brockett, Jr., who are now on their bridal tour and stopped over in Wilmington to visit Mr. and Mrs. Fuller before going to make their home in High Point, N. C.

Mrs. Brockett will be remembered by a host of Wilmington young people as Miss Gertrude Sneed, daughter of Mr. A. C. Sneed, who for many years was one of Wilmington's leading business men. She was married last Tuesday at her home in Griffin, Ga., to Mr. Brockett, who is one of High Point's foremost young business men. Mrs. Brockett is a niece of Mrs. Fuller.

The reception Friday night was most delightful in every way and among the guests were a number of Wilmington's prominent musicians, who remembered Mrs. Brockett as one of this city's most accomplished singers.

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PRETTY WEDDING IN FLORENCE THURSDAY.

Florence, S. C., Dec. 12.—Last Thursday evening at 7 o'clock a pretty but simple wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. T. I. Martin on South Gaillard street, when Mr. Shep McDavid Edmunds, of Lake Waccamaw, N. C., and Miss Beulah Anderson, of Fair Bluff, N. C., were united in marriage. The impressive ring ceremony of the Presbyterian church was used, Rev. G. T. Gillespie officiating.

The bride was lovely in a going away suit of brown with hat and gloves to match. After the ceremony the guests were invited into the dining room where delicious punch was served. The color scheme of green and gold was tastefully used in the decorations in the parlor and dining room.

Mrs. Edmunds is one of the most attractive and popular young ladies of Fair Bluff and Mr. Edmunds is the efficient agent of the Atlantic Coast Line at Lake Waccamaw. He is popular with his many friends there and elsewhere.

The happy young couple left, amid showers of rice and with the best wishes of their friends, on the A. C. L. train No. 83, for their bridal tour, which will include visits to Jacksonville, Tampa and other points in Florida. They will be at home after December 18th at Lake Waccamaw, N. C.

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DANCE AT BRIGADE ARMORY BRILLIANT SOCIAL EVENT.

Notable among the social events of the season was the reception and dance given at the Boys' Brigade armory Thursday evening by Mrs. J. K. Wise in honor of her daughter, Miss Louise Wise, one of the season's most attractive debutantes, who returned home several months ago from Paris, where she completed her education.

Grainger's orchestra furnished the music for the dance and the armory was most tastefully decorated for the occasion. During the evening delicious refreshments were served.

Among those in attendance were: Miss Iola Wise, of Macon, Ga.; Miss Wingo, of Richmond, Va.; Misses Juliete Albright, Frances Bailey, Janet Menzies, Bessie Craig, Jennie Murchison, May Carmichael, Sallie Wright, Lauriston Hardin, Florie Northrop, Luciana Poisson, Charlotte O'Neill, Theresa Parsley, Madeline deRosset, Sue Prince, Caroline Holmes, Mary Wright Taylor, Kate Northrop, Virginia Taylor, Mary Bellamy, Elise Smith, Louise Smallbones, Lula Taliaferro, Lossie Cotchett, Essie Harriss, the Misses Rountree, Miss Stevenson, the Misses Grainger, the Misses Kidder and the Misses Faison; Messrs. Louis Moore, Adam Empie, Chalmers, Thomas Payne, Arthur Bluethenthal, Douglas Taylor, William Lord, Willie Parsley, Irving Corbett, Allan Emerson Raymond Hunt, Herbert O'Neill, Robert W. Strange, John Murchison, Thomas Nash, Woodward, R. A. Williams, Oscar Peck, Arthur Williams, Hugh Calder, Williams Harriss, John J. Blair, Milton Calder, Theodore James, Charlie Taylor, Lawrence Wright, Glasgow Hicks, Sydney MacMillan, Cyrus Hogue, Henley, Denny, Bennett Dunn, Albert Perry, George Clark, David Oliver, George Kidder, Charlie Hill, Thompson, Robert Williams, Greene Fenley, Ramsaur, George Strong, W. J. Craig; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. John VanB. Metts, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Giles, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. C. King, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Kenan, Mrs. W. R. Kenan, Miss Sue McQueen, Miss Lizzie Peck, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Stevenson.

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SYMMES-REILLY WEDDING BEAUTIFUL HOME AFFAIR.

A wedding beautiful in its charming simplicity was solemnized yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Owen Reilly, No. 213 Nun street, when Miss Kathryn Scott Reilly became the bride of Mr. Ledley Bennett Symmes, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Father C. Dennen, rector of St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, assisted by Rev. Father Watkins.

The home was attractively decorated for the occasion with Southern smilax, palms, autumn flowers and bay trees, the color scheme being pink and white. Burning candles with their soft glow made the scene one of rare beauty and attractiveness.

The bride was gowned in white crepe meteor, draped with Japanese crepe, with hand embroidered court train, and wore a castle cap of Chantilly lace. Her veil was caught with lilies of the valley and she carried a shower bouquet of bride roses and lilies of the valley.

She was given away by her brother, Mr. James Owen Reilly. The only attendant was her little niece, Miss Helen Scott Reilly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Owen Reilly, who was flower girl. She was dressed in a French frock of blue taffeta and carried a gold basket of rose petals.

The bride was met at the improvised altar by the groom and his brother, Mr. Cleveland Symmes, who was best man.

The vows were said before an improvised altar of palms and bay trees, the bride standing under a bough of mistletoe tied with white tulle.

Appropriate music was furnished by Prof. A. H. Yepp.

Many beautiful gifts were on exhibit in the reception room.

Following the ceremony there was an informal reception in honor of the bride and groom, this being attended by a large number of guests, who were present at the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Symmes left on the 6:45 train for their honeymoon, which will include visits to a number of Northern cities. They will make their home in this city upon their return, which will be after the Christmas holidays.

The bride is a young lady of charming personality and has many friends in Wilmington, where she has lived for a number of years, as well as elsewhere. The groom is a son of Judge Symmes, of Brunswick, Ga., and is with the Atlantic Coast Line. He is well known in Wilmington and has many friends here. He and his bride will have the best wishes of a host of friends.

The out-of-town guests were Miss Ann Thomas Reilly, a sister of the bride, of Greensboro; Mr. J. J. Elder, of High Point; Mr. Perrin C. Cothran, of Richmond, Va.; H. Symmes, of Valdosta, Ga.; J. Earl Scott, of Charlotte, and Mr. Andrews J. Wright, of Brunswick, Ga.

"The Master Key," Dec. 23. (Advertisement.)

WESTMINSTER CAMP TRIP

Wilmington Student in the Mountains Tells Something of an Enjoyable Outing There.

The following account of an outing or camping trip, enjoyed by a Wilmington boy, Frederick Burr, Jr., a student at Westminster School, Rutherfordton, N. C., written by himself, will be read with interest.

Under the caption "The Westminster Camping Trip," he says:

"Wednesday morning, the day appointed for our camping trip to start, dawned bright and warm and at 8:30 we began our hike to Chimney Rock, about 28 miles. At 12 o'clock, about eight miles on the south side of Rutherfordton, we had dinner and started on. We reached Chimney Rock mountain about 7:30. Tired and hungry, a big camp fire was built, and we fixed our beds (bed covering) on the softest rocks we could find. Wednesday night was a busy one until 10:15 when the lights went out. Next morning was an ideal day, and after attending to our camp work, some of us went up to Chimney Rock, Bat Caves and others to the pools. On Chimney Rock mountain we had a splendid time. We went on the rock, a solid rock standing out from the mountain 250 feet high, from which Broad river looked like a tiny silver thread winding its way in the mountains. We then went around the Wonderland trail and a wonderful trail it is, of which the Appinine Way and Hecchunut Falls are the most wonderful. The Appinine Way is about a foot and a half wide on an average, in solid stone, which at the edge of the cliff takes about a 200-foot drop straight down. One has to hold to chains when he goes this way. Hechunut Falls is an attractive mountain stream which makes the falls before making a drop of 500 feet over a cliff of solid stone. After going over the mountain carefully we returned to camp about 1:30. The rest of the day we spent in fishing and swimming. We caught a few small fish, got tired of digging worms and quit, swam one or two strokes and almost froze before we could get out. That night we made a large camp fire and all gathered 'round to tell stories, jokes and sing. When they were singing 'Old Black Joe,' it almost made me homesick to think of when we did the same thing on Grainger's Point on our scout hikes. I almost got homesick telling some of mine and my friends' famous fish stories, but we all enjoyed it thoroughly. That night Mr. Woods said: 'The one I catch between 10:15 and 6 I am going to send home.' Well, there was no talking until about 4, when Dick pulled the cover off me and I felt some rain and at the same time heard Mr. Woods call out, 'Get up your clothing, build a fire and we will stay here until daylight anyway.' We grabbed up what we could and stayed around the fire until about 5:30 when we went to a vacant house, about a mile away, and stayed the rest of the day. After some good coffee and sandwiches and after receiving orders for the day, started out for Bat Cave which well deserves its name and whose end has never been reached. We got back to camp about 12:20 and after dinner we started for the pools. There are three of these pools. They are waterfalls. Three, one above the other on solid rock and at the foot of each is a cup-shaped hollow which makes the pools about 15 feet across. You can throw a stick in one of these pools and it will sink from about 20 to 25 seconds, then come up away off from where it sank. The bottom of these pools has never been found. We looked at our watches and saw we had half an hour to get to supper and we were two miles away, so we started and got there five minutes after supper started. We all retired early Friday as we had to begin our homeward journey next morning. Saturday was fair but the wagon Mr. Woods had ordered and we only had one in which we had to put in our bedding. Mr. Woods sent to the nearest phone and phoned for an auto truck and four-mule team. We started out to meet them at about 9:00 and met them about 2:30,' good and tired for it had been raining and the mud stuck to our shoes. Well, we got to school about 7:30 and everybody was glad to get some more 'Old Glory' and hot rolls."

FUCHS' DEPARTMENT STORE TO REMAIN OPEN EVENINGS

To Facilitate Shopping for Christmas, Beginning Monday.

For the benefit of those who are not able to do their holiday shopping in the day time the department store of J. W. H. Fuchs will remain open evenings until 9:30 o'clock beginning tomorrow evening.

Notwithstanding the war in Europe, the store was able to secure a large shipment of toys and dolls from Europe, which were shipped during the early days of the war, and they have on display one of the largest lines of such imported goods to be found in the city, all at the usual low prices.

A specialty has been made in the displaying of all kinds of Christmas good usually carried by a large department store, and with plenty of polite and efficient clerks to wait on their customers, the selection of Christmas goods at their store resolves itself into a pleasant task.

THE L. W. DAVIS COMPANY TO CONTINUE THEIR SALE

Six More Days Will it Last, Responding to Many Requests.

Having met with such great success during the ten days' sale which they had advertised to come to a close last night, the L. W. Davis Company have an announcement in today's Star giving notice that they have concluded to continue the sale for six more days, owing to the fact that they have received many requests from customers who desire to take further advantage of the period of bargain giving.

The sale has been conducted under the auspices of the American Special Sales and Salvage Company of Washington, D. C., Mr. C. C. Cane being the manager personally in charge, and they stated last night that the sale had been an unqualified success, exceeding by far their expectations, many big values are still on their counters and will be offered to the early purchasers during this week.

TO OBSERVE LEE'S BIRTHDAY.

Committee of Veterans Appointed to Confer With Daughters.

Gen. Jas. I. Metts and Messrs. Clayton Giles, Sr., and L. Leon have been appointed a committee from the Cape Fear Camp, United Confederate Veterans, to confer with a committee of the Cape Fear chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy with reference to the observance of Lee's birthday.

The celebration of Lee's birthday in Wilmington is one of the big events of the year and is usually featured by an address at the Academy of Music and a dinner in a down-town hall for the Confederate Veterans.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Calvary Baptist church, corner of Fourth and Brunswick streets, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sermon subjects: "Our Convention," and "Stumbling Blocks." Jr. B. Y. P. U., 10 A. M. Deacons' meeting 3 P. M. Sunday school 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting and Teachers' meeting Wednesday night, and Sr. B. Y. P. U. Thursday night. A cordial welcome to all services.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Market and Sixth streets, Rev. F. B. Clausen, pastor—Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Topic of morning sermon: "The Pioneer of the Christ." Subject of evening sermon: "A Question of Values." Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Visitors are always welcome to all of these services.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, 16th and Market streets—Morning prayer, Litany and sermon at 11; Evening prayer and sermon at 8. Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. Rev. E. deF. Heald, Jr., rector. Come, you will be welcomed.

St. John's Episcopal church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, rector—Holy Communion 7:30 A. M. Service and sermon 11 A. M. Sunday school 4 P. M. Evening prayer 5 P. M. Service and sermon 8 P. M. Seats free; all are cordially invited.

St. John's Mission, 1313 North Fourth street—Sunday school 9:30 A. M., Mr. Virginius Hall, superintendent. Service every Wednesday 7:30 P. M. Everybody invited.

Christian Science Society, Market and 17th street—Services at 11 A. M. Subject of lesson sermon: "God the Preserver of Man." Service Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

St. James church, Rev. Dr. W. H. Milton, rector—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock. Evening prayer and sermon on "The Coming Man." Organ recital at 7:45. Everybody welcome; come and bring a friend.

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran church, Rev. G. W. McClanahan, pastor—Morning service 11 o'clock, subject: "The Messenger and His Message." Evening services 7:30, subject: "The Christian Workman." Sunday school 10 A. M. Wednesday evening service at 8 o'clock. Ladies' Aid Society will meet Wednesday afternoon 3:30 o'clock. Catechetical class on Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Everybody most cordially invited to all these services.

Seventh Day Adventist church, corner of Third and Princess streets—Services Sunday night 7:30. In the absence of the pastor the services will be conducted by Elder James E. Smith, subject: "The Lost Christ." Luke 2:44-45. The public is cordially invited.

First Baptist church—Worship 11 A. M. Report from the greatest convention held by North Carolina Baptists. 7:30 P. M. "The Great Red Dragon." B. Y. P. U. 6:30 P. M. Sunday school 9:45 A. M., Rev. J. H. Foster, D. D., pastor.

Trinity Methodist church, corner of Ninth and Market streets, Rev. W. V. McRae, pastor—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3 P. M. The public cordially invited to attend all services.

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Fifth and Ann streets—First mass 7 A. M. Last mass and sermon 10:30 A. M. Vespers and sermon 8 P. M.

Grace Methodist church, corner Grace and Fourth streets, Rev. J. D. Bundy, pastor—Preaching services 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school 9:45 A. M., M. F. Allen, supt. Midweek prayer meeting Wednesday 8 P. M. Epworth League meeting Friday 8 P. M. Hankins Hall, president. The public cordially invited to all these services.

Fifth Street Methodist church, on Fifth street, between Church and Nun, Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor: Services at 11 a. m., and 7:45 p. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m. The public cordially invited.

Southside Baptist church, Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor. Services by the pastor this morning at 11 o'clock and tonight at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited.

MR. J. A. HINES DISAPPEARS

Well Known Contractor Last Seen Near Son's Home in Wilmington Yesterday Morning.

Mr. J. A. Hines, a well-known building contractor, who with his family lives at Masonboro Sound, disappeared yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, being last seen near the home of his son, Mr. Ira Hines, at No. 1209 South Fourth street, and much uneasiness is felt by his family as to his whereabouts. After an ineffectual effort to locate him, the police department was notified last night and all the night patrolmen were notified to make a search for him. His son and other relatives formed searching parties last night, but at 2 o'clock this morning he had not been located.

Mr. Hines came to the city yesterday morning in his automobile and went to the home of his son, who is associated with him in the contracting business. He was seen to get out of his machine and nothing more has been heard from him.

Mr. Hines is about 50 years old and formerly lived in Wilmington. So far as known he has no serious business troubles and he had no money to amount to anything with him yesterday morning.

There was no motive, so far as known, to cause any suspicion of foul play and no reason for believing that he would commit suicide. His sudden disappearance is a mystery.

TO ENTER BIBLE INSTITUTE.

Mr. B. F. Yandel, Associate Y. M. C. A. Secretary, to Leave City.

Mr. B. F. Yandel, one of the associate secretaries of the Wilmington Y. M. C. A. will leave on December 24th for Chicago, Ill., where he will enter Moody Bible Institute to prepare himself for a life of Christian work. He will stop off at Charlotte to spend Christmas at his home.

Mr. Yandel is a young man of most genial manner and during the few months that he has been at the Y. M. C. A. has made a host of friends, who will regret that he is to leave the city, but will wish for him great success in his future work.

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HOW WOMEN'S CLUBS CAN HELP TO UPLIFT MUSIC

Interesting Address Made by Mrs. J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, Before North Carolina Music Teachers' Association in Charlotte Recently.

One of the interesting features in connection with the recent Teachers' Assembly in Charlotte was the annual meeting of the North Carolina Music Teachers' Association. Mrs. J. A. Brown of Chadbourn, who is chairman of the Music Department of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, was one of the principal speakers at this meeting, the subject of her address being: "The Woman's Club: Its Part in Helping to Standardize Music in the State." The subject was discussed in such an interesting and instructive manner as to make it a most valuable contribution on music education.

The address in full follows:

The most important topic now before all music clubs and the music departments of clubs is a practical solution of the problem, how to make such clubs an influence in the uplift and betterment of music in their State and community, in the dissemination of the best music produced by American and other composers, in the higher cultivation of musical appreciation among the general public, and in bringing to the young people the culture, the mental and the proper emotional development that comes from the study and correct interpretation of the world's best music.

We are rapidly getting away from the idea that culture is an intangible, inherited, much to be desired something that must be reserved for the select few, and carefully hoarded by them to contribute to their individual pleasure, advancement and success in life. Rather we have caught the larger vision that that cultivated citizen is alone worth while who seeks to use his talents to promote the culture and good of his community as a whole, and who is ready to declare with the late Golden Rule Jones, of Ohio, "What I want for myself I want for everybody."

The Call to Service.

It has been claimed that Masonry represents the oldest and most consistent attempt to realize in a practical form this ideal of universal brotherhood. However this may be, to the wide-awake, conscientious club member, the call to service comes from a thousand earnest, compelling voices, and a clear call has come to those who sincerely desire to help solve the many perplexing problems, new and old, confronting those who are endeavoring to make America a truly musical nation. In many of our States the response to this call has been most gratifying, and to read of what has been accomplished by many clubs from modest beginnings is an inspiration indeed.

While in North Carolina we may not have such large things to which we may point, still many clubs are alive to their opportunities and obligations. They cordially welcome practical suggestions as to ways and means by which they may become factors in the musical uplift of their communities, and gladly pass on to others the things that they have found helpful and practical.

The part of the Woman's Club in the standardization of music and in musical advancement in North Carolina is an important one. Thus far we have only scratched the surface of our possibilities.

The Woman's Club can do most, probably, by moulding public opinion. The present chairman of music is striving to meet this opportunity by urging a music department or chairman in each club, who shall see that at least one meeting or parts of two meetings shall be devoted to some educational form of music.

To Elevate Church Music.

A cherished ideal is the elevation of the music in our Sunday schools, churches and religious assemblies. The lack of liturgical propriety, grave deficiencies and banal trivialities of our average Sunday school hymnal have been pointed out. It is probable that the best results will not be obtained by any mass movement, but rather as suggested by George Whitfield Andrews, by each person "building over against his house." It has been suggested that the musical education of our clergy should be taken in hand as the most effectual means of purging our books of musical trash.

Because of the educational value, the mental and spiritual stimulus that a familiar hymn may afford, our familiar hymns should be the best hymns. Since those that influence us most and stay with us longest, are the ones learned in childhood, how important that our Sunday school hymnals should possess those qualities that distinguish best hymns. Our New England pioneers set us a good example, for the first classes for regular instruction in music were formed in New England in 1717, wholly for the improvement of singing in the churches.

Surely this is a cause in which the musical club woman may enthusiastically enlist, as we in North Carolina are a church-going people, and hence the church affords one of our best opportunities for educating our people musically. Looking toward this end, our music department is compiling a list of Sunday school hymnals, church hymnals, anthems and anthem books that come nearest to eliminating the undesirable and will place this list in the reach of any interested in the betterment of church and Sunday school music.

John Philip Sousa tells us that one reason why the love for music in America has been more difficult to develop than the love for music in Europe is attributable to the vast number of other amusements or diversions that the American people enjoy. He suggests that there is a big difference between the German, calmly sitting in his beer garden sipping his favorite drink and listening to a Beethoven Symphony, and the strenuous and commercial American who hears his Wagnerian Opera with half his mind set upon the problem of how he is going to squeeze a sea bath, an automobile ride, a moving picture show and a course dinner into the next hour.

Fondness for Rag Time.

Our American public, and particularly our young people, have been accused perhaps justly of an inordinate fondness for ragtime, "slang music," too often accompanied by pernicious, erotic words. A remedy was suggested for this in the March number of the Woman's World by its editor, Charles Dwyer in a convincing article, "Should Popular Songs be Censored?" In that and in subsequent numbers of his magazine he made out a good case, though his attack was more upon the words than the music of these popular songs. The movement was brought to the attention of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs at its annual meeting in May by the Raleigh Woman's Club, in a resolution, offered through the Music department, favoring such a censorship. It met with a favorable response from the Federation. The editor of the Woman's World presented the subject for discussion at the Biennial session of the General Federation, held in Chicago on June the 8th to 20th, but it did not get beyond the Committee on Resolutions. Why this was so is not clear, but the committee probably felt that the Woman's Club can accomplish more by moulding public opinion than by attempting direct legislation.

Should not music, like religion, begin at the mother's knee, and should not our task be to educate the mothers musically? And since the college girls of today will be the mothers of tomorrow, should not we assist in every way any movement to strengthen the Music Departments of our Woman's colleges?

Much that is best in our homes centers around the songs we sing there; much that is weak in our national life can be traced to the influence of music that is trivial and vicious. While we endeavor to keep in our churches the grand old hymns that keep us true to the ideal of the home beyond, let us keep in our drawing rooms the beautiful old home songs that never die, and so keep the power of music on the side of truth and righteousness.

The future is obscure, the firmament is not clear. What the anxieties of the New World and the struggle of the Old World may evolve," I cannot predict. But this I believe, that as long as the music and songs of a nation are pure and good, its sons will be brave and free and its daughters sweet and true.

Music in Public Places.

The Women's Clubs may contribute to this end by interesting themselves in forwarding movements for the introduction of a better class of music in public places. In some of our towns there are choral organizations already, and more could and should be formed. To get their good music before the public these might give from time to time a people's concert, in which should be sung familiar songs, such as "My Old Kentucky Home," "Auld Lang Syne," "Ben Bolt," and the like, in which the entire audience might be induced to join, and thence be led on to even better things. This community choral work is proving very attractive at large out of door concerts in Minneapolis, Madison and other cities These concerts might prove attractive features of Civic Days, Arbor Days or "Sane Fourths." It might even improve the speaking voice of some of our women, should our girls sing more often those lines from Annie Laurie, generally acknowledged to be the most beautiful love song ever written:

"And like winds in summer sighing,
Her voice was low and sweet."

Other ways in which club women may become the friends of musical art in North Carolina are:

By bringing to their towns and communities the best musical artists available; by raising money to help educate talented and deserving music students; by inducing public libraries to carry the best of reference books on music, as well as good music itself; by the larger clubs sending out their best talent to the smaller clubs that are less fortunately supplied, and by arranging for public concerts, from which all that is trashy or negligible is excluded, but which shall contain such good music as is not over the heads of the majority. In short, we are to make good music popular with the natural and inevitablt result that bad music will become unpopular, and in this we must be content to make haste slowly.

Encouraging Creative Talent

The Music Department of the North Carolina Federation is seeking to encourage the creative talent of the State by offering annual prizes for the best orignal voice or instrumental composition submitted by its members. Efforts are being made to enuarge this field of usefulness by instituting a further prize, open to all including the professional musicians of the state.

But doubtless the largest and most hopeful field for musical advancement open to our woman's club is the public school I have found no better definition of the mission of music in school life than that given by Miss Learvy, Supervisor of Music in the Memphis Public Schools, viz:

"The purpose of music in the public schools is to teach the language of music, its sounds and symbols; to read note understandingly and fluently at sight, to develop the emotional and aesthetic sense, a musical and expressive voice and a good physique through correct singing; to cultivate a love and appreciation forharmony and for the beautiful, and in consequence to help to mould and shape right character".

In line with this thought comes the declaration of Dr. Von Liebich, that before the introduction of the printing press, the life vocabulary of grown men and women consisted of but four hundred words, or about the same number of words acquired today by a child between its second and third year. Today, the vocabulary of the average fairly educated person consists of about five thousand words. This growth was brought about chiefly through the advent of the printing press. "When the time comes" says he, "that men and women shall take their music books and read them with the same enjoyment with which they now read their story books, a mental and spiritual growth will have been accomplished which will place our descendants towering as high above us as we may justly claim to tower above our ancestors of pre-printing days".

Ways of Helping Suggested

The Woman's Club may help to bring about this Musical Millenium;

First,—By working to place music in public schools, and in helping to make it a stronger department in the schools so fortunate as to have it already. One club last year, the Community Club of Chapel Hill, placed music in its public schools, stimulated to this worthy endeavor by its efficient chairman of music.

Second—By offering prizes for excellence in this department.

Third—By arranging a series of operas, and a rendition of selections from it, by local talent or in the absence of available talent, by Victrolas or talking machines.

Fourth—By doing extension work, carrying these same lectures to the rural schools, and by owning a selection of suitable charuses to be loaned to the rural schools. The Alma Club of Henderson carried out this suggestion last year with gratifying results.

Fifth—By encouraging the public school Supervisor of Music, and the school as well, by going to hear the children sing, and by educating Public Opinion so that the material needed for good public school music may be forthcoming.

I was greatly interested in a recent bulletin (1914 No. 22) issued by the Bureau of Education at Washington and containing a report by Mr. Fought, Specialist in Rural Education, on the Rural schools of Denmark. This section of the report is devoted almost wholly to the Folk High Schools, which he tells us, have by common consent, been the most important factors in the transformation of the rural life of Denmark, and in the phenominal economic and social development of that country. Under the section: "Some subjects of particular interest: Song", — I note the following which will furnish food for thought to this body:

"The "song-birds" in the hearts of the Danish peasantry are not dumb. Go into any home and they sing—not alone the long and sometimes doleful church hymns, but folk songs, ballads, and partiotic songs of every sort. The children all learn to sing in the elementary schools. No teacher indeed, can secure a certificate to teach who is unable to lead the pupils in song. Music, song, and poetry play a great part in the folk high= school's work. Every lecture or recitation begins with song; every student sings. The average high school man is quite a poet in addition to being a music lover."

After reading this does one wonder at the further declaration in the bulletin, that rural social life in Denmark has become intelligent, organic and attractive, and that a high type of idealism has been diffused among the masses of the people. "Give a man food and he hungers again, give him clothing and it wears out, but give him an ideal and it will be with him through every waking hour? uplifting, encouraging, and inspiring". This is what music does, for music is a world of ideals.

Music In Home and School

I believe that music should be taught in every school and practiced in every home, and that every child has the same right to become acquianted with the best in music as with the best in literature. When that good day arrives we will not be called upon to apologize for the musical ignorance of some in high places as was the case recently, A woman of broad culture and fine mind, dean of a class A college, after making the statement that, "those who are to live on a high plane and furnish ideals, incentives and guidance to future generations need trained minds and trained hearts more even than trained hands"; further on in the same address placed piano playing in the, same class with type-writing, egg-beating and like employments, requiring more mechanical dexterity. Perhaps it had never been pointed out to her that this same piano playing combines in the happiest manner mind, heart and hand training. The most highly educated and civilized nations have been the most musical, Luther tells us, "The devil cannot stand music", and we know that the music from Davids' harp and voice had power to drive the evil spirit even from the heart of Saul.

Music appeals to the purest elements of our emotional nature, and is one of the few emotional stimuli without harmful reaction. It is recognized the world over as the best medium for expressing the highest aspirations of the soul. Truly, "Without music, men is meat".

Our clubs should seek to create public opinion in favor of giving credits in the High Schools for music studied both in school and out of school. Music as a study will never become dignified in the eyes of the pupil until it receives the same recognition as mathematics, sciene and language. This goal will be much nearer attainment when the plan of a standard course of music, both in preparatory schools and in colleges, which is being worked out by your Music Teachers' Association, shall have been adopted. This will make possible a uniform system of instruction, and due credits can be awarded in an intelligent manner.

In appreciating of the good work which your Association has undertaken along this line, the chairman of Music of the North Carolina Federation will take pleahure in requesting the Council at its January meeting, to appoint a committee, which shall, in conjuction with a committee from your Association, confer and cooperate with the heads of the Music department of the colleges of the State, and seek to provide a musical curriculum, which, aside from individualistic teaching, shall be the same in the colleges of the same class.

Much Has Been Done

Much has been accomplished in the up building of music in our State through the efforts of our Women's clubs. Much more land remains to be possessed. In looking out upon the work to be done, the music-lover longs for the seven league boots, but it takes time to create a musical nation. "Heaven was not gained at a single bound, But we climb the ladder round by round". Let us not be discouraged but rather let us "gird our loins, and rejoice as a strong man to run a race".

Much may be accomplished by cooperation, and when all the music lovers of the State and nation are members of some musical organization, and when all these organizations shout, "a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull altogether", then shall be brought to pass all the good things of music so long desired and hoped for.

Indeed, the establishment of a Bureau of Fine Arts at Washington headed by a cabinet minister with music as its most important department as suggested by Dr. Von Liebich, will become not the vision of an enthusiast but a glorious reality. Then might we hear the masses in America singing and whistling the airs from the best operas as easily and happily as they now do the ubiquitions rag time, and even we may live to fell our grand children how.

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One will naturally ask what are the worth-while books for boys to read. Not many months ago an association of expert workers with boys realized the vast importance of what kind of books a boy ought to read and appointed a commission to study the field of boys' literature. This commission has reported a list of the best 100 books for boys to read, books that have a tremendous influence on the character of the boy, books that stimulate to worthy ideals and actions. They are books that portray character, that are worthy of the boy's imitation. The following books are in the list:

"A Cadet of the Black Star Line," "Adventures of Sherlock Holmes," "Adventures of Billy Topsail," "BeachsPatrol," "Ben Hur," "Biography of a Grizzly," "Boys of St. Timothy," "Buffalo Roost," "Cadet Days," "Camping in the Winter Woods," "Campmates," "Captains Courageous," "Change Signals," "First Across the Continent," "Freshman Dorn, Pitcher," "Hans Brinker on the Silver Skates," "Hero Tales from American History," "Huckleberry Finn," "Ivanhoe," "Jack Ballister's Fortune," "Jack the Young Ranchman," "Kidnaped," "Little Jarvis," "Master of the Strong Hearts," "Men of Iron," "Onside," "Penrod," "Pheaten Rogers," "Robinson Crusoe," "Rolf in the Woods," "Scottish Chiefs," "Scouting With Washington(" "Story of a Bad Boy," "Story of King Arthur and His Knights," "Story of Roland," "Tad Shelton, Boy Scout," "Boy Scouts of Berkshire," "Boy Scouts of Bob's Hill," "Boy Scouts of Wood Craftin the cemetery here.

Camp," "The Last of the Mohicans," "Search for Andrew Field," "A Scout of Today," "Varmint," "The Winning Hit," "The Voyage of the Hoppergrass," "Young Trailers," "Three Colonial Boys," "Toby Tyler," "Told by the Camp Fire," "Tom Brown's School Days," "Tom Sawyer," "Two Years Before the Mast," "Ungave of Bob," "The West Point Lieutenant," "Widow 08 Calligan Boys," "When Knights Were Bold," "Wild Animals I Have Known," "With Carson and Fremont," "With Flintlock and Fife," "With the Indians in the Rockies."

Beside these there are the books on how to make things which are sure to make an appeal to boys. The Boy Scouts of America are seeking to give a series of real worth while books for boys. They have arranged to have their books put up in a uniform binding to sell for 35 cents. This series is called "Everybody's Library." Some one has said that "one of the great influences of boyhood is that which comes from the books that the boy reads."

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Highly Esteemed Citizen of Southport Victim of Pneumonia.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Southport, N. C., Dec. 12.—Last night at his home here, Joseph C. Morse departed this life, in his 34th year, his death being caused by pneumonia, after a few days illness. A few weeks ago he was operated on successfully for appendicitis, the case being a severe one. He had been getting along well, until, taking cold, pneumonia developed. While everything possible was done by a devoted wife, sister, trained nurse and friends, the disease could not be checked.

Joe Morse, as he was best known, was born at Myrtle Grove, New Hanover county, but had made this city his home, being brought up here by Mrs. Edgar Grissom. He was a marine engineer by profession, serving in this capacity on boats in several lines, his last being on the fishing steamer John L. Lawrence, leaving this steamer, when it was recently tied up at Wilmington. Joe Morse was quiet, unassuming in manner, with a most kindly disposition, an affectionate husband and brother. He leaves a wife, who was Miss Minerva MacElroy, of Philadelphia, and a sister, Miss Lilly Morse, besides other relatives, who have the deepest sympathy of this community.

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A GERMAN FRIEND OF AMERICA TO AMERICANS

BY LUDWIG FULDA, in THE FATHERLAND

(Ludwig Fulda needs hardly any introduction to Americans. He is well known in this country and has more than once been the guest of our universities and colleges. His popularity in Germany is tremendous and many of his plays are veritable classics. In his country Fulda is recognized not only as a great dramatist, as a remarkable translator of Moliere and Shakspere, as a fine poet, but also as a man of marked political ideas and independence. He has always been a bold champion of freedom. On more than one occasion he has disagreed publicly with the kaiser. Indeed, he lost the Schiller prize, a prize which is considered one of Europe's greatest distinctions, because he had fearlessly taken issue with William II. But in this hour of crisis Fulda is seen as one of the staunchest defenders of Germany. The following article he has written especially for the readers of The Fatherland.)

We have been taught many things by this war that even the keenest minded among us would have declared to be impossibilities immediately before its outbreak. Nothing, however, has been a greater and more painful surprise to Germans than the position taken by a great part of the American press. There is nothing that we would have less suspected than that amidst the one neutral nation with which we felt ourselves most closely connected, both by common interests and also by common ideals, voices would be raised that in the hour of our greatest danger would deny us their sympathy, yes, even their comprehension of our course.

To me personally—I cannot avoid saying this—this was a very bitter disappointment. Not even a year has passed when I was over there the second time as guest and returned strengthened in my admiration for that great, upward striving community. In my book "Amerikanische Eindrucke" ("American Impressions"), which just now has appeared anew in a considerably supplemented form, comprising the fruits of that trip, I have made every effort to place before my countrymen in the brightest light, the advantages and superiorities of America, and especially to convince them that the socalled land of the dollar was not only economically but also mentally and spiritually striding upward irresistibly; that also in the longing and effort to obtain education and knowledge and in the valuation of all the higher things in life, it was not surpassed by any other country in the world. In the entire book there is not a page that is not filled with the confidence that for these very reasons America and Germany were called upon to walk hand in hand at the head of cultured humanity. Is this belief now to be contradicted? Shall I as a German no longer be permitted to call myself a friend of America because over there they think the worst of us for the reason that we, dastardly attacked by a world of foes, are struggling with unanimous determination for our existence?

Of course I know very well that public opinion over there has largely been misled by our opponents and is considered at the very beginning of the English hat the very beginning of the war cut our cable, in order to be able to guillotine our honor without the least interference? For this reason I cannot blame the masses if they took for truth the absurd fables dished out to them, when no contradicting voice could reach them. Less than that, however, can I understand how educated beings, even men who, thanks to their gifts and their standing, play the part of responsible leaders, not only accepted believingly these prevarications and distortions, but using them as a basis immediately rendered a verdict against us. For he who publicly judges must be expected to first have heard both parties; and whoever is not in a position to do this must by decency be expected to postpone his verdict. Yes, even more than that, one should think that the sense of justice of every nonpartisan must be violated if the one party is absolutely muzzled by the other, and even for this one reason the cause of the latter must be considered as not being free from reason for doubt. And furthermore one should assume that he who once has been unmasked as a liar therewith should have lost the blind confidence of the impartial in his future assertions. In spite of this, although the first ridiculous news of German defeats and interior dissent could not withstand the farsounding echo of facts, there still seems to be no twisting of facts, no defamation, which over there is considered as too thin and too ridiculous by the press and as too shameless by the public.

Should the Germans, who since they fought for and attained their national unity, have exclusively devoted themselves to works of peace and culture, suddenly have been transformed into and adventurous booty-hungry horde which from mere lust challenged a tremendously superior force to do battle? Should they suddenly have sacrificed to their socalled militarism all their other efforts in commerce, industry, art and science, in order to risk their very existence for the love of this Moloch? Do you believe that, Americans?

Our militarism! What does this expression, quoted until it is sickening, mean in the mouth of enemies who in regard to the energy and extent of their armaments were not behind us? Is there no such thing as militarism in France and in Russia? Is the English giant fleet an instrument of peace? Was the Triple Entente founded in order to bring into being the millennium on earth? Would it, if we had been foolish enough to disarm, as a reward for being good have guaranteed our possessions? Do you believe that, Americans?

It certainly may be difficult for the citizens of the Union—happy beings they are for it—to place themselves into the position of a nation that knows it is surrounded on its open borders by jealous, hateful and greedy neighbors; of a country that for centuries has been the battlefield of all European wars, the place of strife of all the European peoples. They, the members of a nation which for itself occupies a space nearly as large as Europe, almost half of a continent, protected on both sides by the ocean and on the other borders not seriously threatened for as long a time to come as may be anticipated, have no people's army because they do not need any; and yet they would—their history proves it—give their blood and that of their sons for the cause of their nation just as gladly as we, if the necessity for doing so came to them. Will they, therefore, reproach us for loving our country not less than they do their only for the reason that we have a thousand times more difficulty in protecting it?

Our general military service, which today is being defamed by the word "militarism" is born of the iron commandment of self-preservation. Without it the German empire and the German nation, long ago would have been struck out of the list of the living. Only lack of knowledge or intentional misconception of our character could accuse us of having an aggressive motive back of it. On earth there is no more peaceful nation than the German, providing it is left in peace and its room to breathe is not lessened. Germany never has in the least had the thought of assuming for herself the European hegmony, much less the rulership of the world. She has never greedily eyed colonial possessions of the other great powers. On the contrary, in the acquisition of her colonies she was satisfied with whatever the others had left for her. And least of all did she carry up her sleeve a desire of extending the frontiers of the empire. The famous word of Bismarck, that Germany was "saturated" with acquired territory, is still accepted as fully in force to such an extent that even in case of her victory the question which parts of the enemies' territory we should claim for our own would cause us a great deal of perplexity. The German empire could only lose as the national state she is in strength and unity by acquiring new and strange elements.

If it had been different, would the empire from the day of its founding until now, for nearly half a century, actually have avoided every war, often enough under the most difficult circumstances? Would it have quietly suffered the open or hidden challenges, the machinations of its enemies constantly appearing more plainly, yes, would it have tried again and again to improve its relations to these very same enemies by the greatest advances? As opposed to the ill-concealed hostility of the French, would it not have been shaken in its steadfast policy of conciliation by the fact that this policy with them only made the impression of weakness and fear? Would it have permitted France to reconstruct her power destroyed in 1870, to a greater extent than before and in addition allowed her to conquer a new and gigantic colonial empire? Would it have permitted prostrate Russia to undisturbedly recuperate from the almost annihilating blows of the revolution and the Japanese war? Would it, in the countless threatening conflicts of the last decades, every time have thrown the entire weight of its sword into the scales for the preservation of peace?

Then, too, many Americans emphasize that they are not making the German people responsible for this war, but only and alone the German emperor. It is hardly conceivable how serious-minded people can lend themselves to the spreading of a fable so childish. When William II, 29 years old, mounted the throne, the entire world said about him that his aim was the acquirement of the laurels of war. In spite of this for 26 years he has shown that this accusation was absurd and has proven himself to be the most honest and most dependable protector of European peace, yes, the very circle of enemies which now dares to call him a military despot thirsting for glory, has year in and year out ridiculed him as a ruler, the provocation to the very blood of whom was an amusement absolutely fraught with no danger. He who has never been misled by the fiery enthusiasm of youth nor by the full strength of ripe manhood to adorn his brow with the bloody halo of glory, now when his hair is turned gray should have suddenly turned into a Caesar, an Attila? Do you believe that, Americans.

It is a fact, in times of peace there have been certain differences of opinion between the emperor and his people. Although at all times the honesty of his intentions was elevated above every doubt, the one or other impulsive move he took to obtain their realization exposed him to criticism at home. Today one may safely admit that; today, when of these trifling disputes not even a breadth, not even a shadow, remains. Never before has his whole people, his whole nation, in every grade of education, in all classes, in all parties, stood behind him so absolutely without reserve as now, after he in the last, the very last hour, driven by direst need, finally drew the sword to ward off an attack from three sides, long ago prepared.

Our nation and our emperor have not wanted this war and are not to be blamed for it. Even the White Book of the German government, by the very uncontrovertible language of its documents, must convince every impartial being of this fact. And day by day the overwhelming evidence of the plot, systematically hatched and systematically carried out under the guidance of England, which put before us the alternative of cutting our way through or being annihilated, is increasing.

It may be that the catastrophe, so far as we are concerned, once more might have been staved off if we would have disregarded the obligation of our alliance and would have left Austria in the lurch, the Austria which did not want anything else than to put a stop to the nasty work of a band of assassins organized by a neighboring state. But it requires a great degree of political blindness for the assumption that by such cowardly treason we would have been able to purchase a change of mind or a lasting peace from our enemies. On the contrary they soon enough would have used a suitable opportunity to fall upon Germany, which then would be completely isolated, and the struggle for our national existence would have had to be fought under conditions very much more favorable to our enemies.

According to a newspaper report, most greatly esteemed President Eliot, of Harvard, has written, that the fear of the Muscovites could not explain our action and that an alliance with the Western powers did not ally better protection against a Russian attack. Yes, if such a thing had been possible! As a matter of fact, however, the Western powers did not ally themselves with us against Russia, but with Russia against us, and not the fear of the Muscovites drove us to war, but their mobilization, encouraged and aided by the very same Western powers. I wonder what President Eliot himself would have done under these circumstances, had he been the responsible guardian of German's fate?

But then the violation of Belgian neutrality! How with the aid of this bugaboo the entire neutral world has been stirred up against us, after England made it the hypocritical excuse and France were determined to violate this neutrality; but then we should have been very good and we should have waited until they did so! Wait until their armies would break into our country across our unprotected Belgian frontier! In other words we should commit national suicide. Who even up until now has doubted the German assertion that Belgium together with England and France, was under one cover and herself had thrown away her neutrality, must have his eyes opened by the latest official developments. The documents of the Belgian general staff, which have fallen into our hands, contain an agreement according to which the march through Belgium of British troops in the case of a German-French war was provided for in all details. Whosoever in the face of this document repeats the assertion that we have committed a violation of innocent Belgium places himself into the service of a historical forgery.

We have violated the alleged neutrality of Belgium in self-defense. On the other hand, the Japanese, egged on and supported by England, have violated the real neutrality of China from pure lust for robbery. For the three great powers allied against Germany and Austria have not been satisfied with their own nominal superiority of 220 millions against 110 millions! In addition to this they have urged on into war against us a Mongolian people, the most dangerous enemy of the white race and of the culture of the white race. They have supplemented their armies by a motley collection of all the African negro tribes. They lead into battle against us Indian troops, and the Christian German King of England prays to God for the victory of the heathen Hindoos over his coreligionists and blood relatives. Americans, does your racial feeling, at other times so sensitive, remain silent in view of this unexampled shame? Do you accord to the English and the French, who are attacking us in unison with the Russians, the Servian and the Montenegrins, who are dirtying themselves with a brotherhood in arms with the yellowskins, the brownskins and the blacks, the right to declare themselves the representatives of civilization and us to be barbarians?

In order to drive home such evident absurdities, they were of course obliged to carry on the poisoning of the spring of information to the utmost, they had to suppress the news of the vile deeds of guerrillas and "snipers" in Belgium and of the Russian ghouls in East Prussia, that were crying to heaven, and to send out into the world instead fables of German brutality. Our national army, permeated with ethical seriousness and iron discipline, wherein the scientist stands alongside of the farmer, the workman and the artist, should be guilty of unnecessary severity, uncontrollable brutality, brutality against people unable to defend themselves? Do you believe that, Americans?

The climax of absurdity, however, is reached with the Germans, who in their love and appreciation of art are not surpassed by any people in the world, are accused of having raged as vandals against works of art. Even now these accusations, which the French government itself had the pitiful courage to support, have proven totally groundless. The city hall at Louvain stands uninjured; while the populace fired at them, our soldiers have, risking their own lives, saved it from the flames. An imperial art commission followed our victorious troops in Belgium on the heel, in order to take charge of the guarding and administration of the treasures of art. The cathedral at Rheims has received but slight damage, and would not have been damaged at all had its tower not been misused by the French as an observation station. I would like to see the commander of an army who, for the sake of the safety of a historical monument, would forget the safety of the troops entrusted into his care!

Enough of it! What I have stated is sufficient to show what low weapons our enemies are using behind the battlefield to sully Germany's shield of honor. It is enough for those who care to listen at all. But also wherever the weak voice of one rebounds from ears stubbornly closed, the more powerful voice of truth eventually will force a more just verdict.

Justice—that is all that we expect from America. We respect its neutrality; we do not ask from it an ideal partisanship for our benefit. If it does not have for us the sympathy which we have already extended to it and, after a century and a half of unclouded intercourse between the two nations, have anticipated there, then we cannot imbue it with that spirit of reasoning. Furthermore, in the existence of nations sympathy is not the deciding factor, and every nation should be rebuked which out of regard for sympathy, in decisive points would act against its own interests. But just for that very reason one more question must be raised. In the present conflict which momentarily almost splits the entire world into two camps, where do the interests of America lie?

That they are not lying on the side of Russia, probably is self-evident. No free American can find desirable a further extension of the Russian world empire and of Russian despotism at the expense of Germany. But how about a country from which once America had to wrest its own liberty in bloody battle? How about England? Where, if England should succeed in downing Germany, would her eyes next be pointed? Has she not herself admitted that she is making war on us principally because she sees in us an uncomfortable competitor in trade? And which competitor would be the next one after us that would become awkward to the trust on the Thames? Yes, have they not already hauled off for the smash against America, when Japan is given opportunity to threateningly increase her power? The same Japan with which America sooner or later will be bound to have an accounting and whose victory over us would make that accounting a great deal more difficult for the United States?

Germany's fate certainly does not depend upon the friendly or unfriendly feeling of America. It will solely and alone be decided upon the European battlefields. But for the reason that we are looking out from the night to a future dawn, for the reason that in the midst of our national need the cause of humanity is close to our heart, for that reason it is not immaterial to us how the greatest neutral nation of culture thinks of us. Americans, the cable between us has been cut. It is our wish and our hope that the stronger band that unites American ideals with German ideals shall not also be cut.

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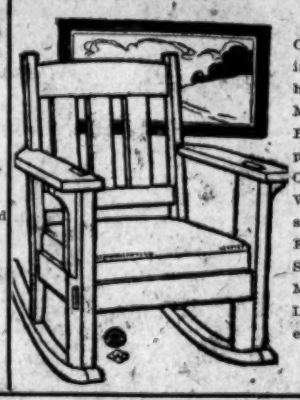

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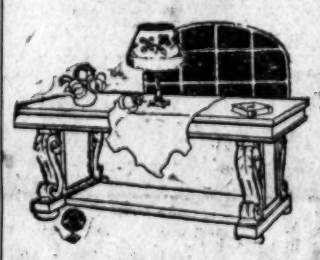

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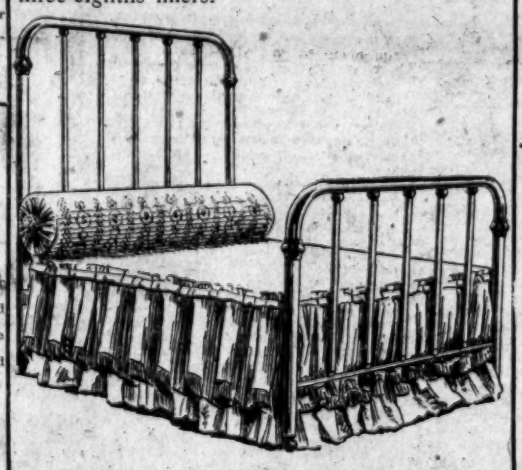

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DIRECT GOVERNMENT AID TO FARMERS NOT JUSTIFIABLE

Secretary Houston Says, in Annual Report, There is No Emergency That Calls for Direct Use of Uncle Sam's Cash or Credit for Assistance of Farmers—Discusses Rural Credits and Crop Diversification.

Washington, December 11.—That there is no emergency which justifies government assistance to farmers directly through the use of government cash or credit, was the position taken by Secretary Houston of the Department of Agriculture, in discussing rural credits in his annual report submitted to President Wilson Thursday. Secretary Houston's statement was regarded as indicating the policy of the administration.

Secretary Houston pointed out that the new bank law "takes just and particular knowledge of the farmers' requirements." He suggested that any credit needs of the agricultural community beyond those cared for under the Federal Reserve Law, should be cared for by a system of co-operative credit associations," financed with private funds, by means of which the combined credit of farming communities could be utilized, and by a system of land mortgage banks, likewise, privately capitalized.

"There seems to be no emergency which requires or justifies government assistance to the farmers directly through the use of the government's cash or the government's credit," said the report. "The American farmer is sturdy, self-reliant and independent. He is not in the condition of serfdom or semi-serfdom in which were the European peoples for whom government aid was extended in some form or other during the last century."

In advocating a land mortgage banking system and a system of cooperative credit associations the report asserted that the use of the funds loaned for productive purposes on the farms covered by the mortgages should be insisted upon.

Mr. Houston's report reviews the investigation of the marketing and distribution system and while the study is not yet sufficiently finished to admit of final conclusions the work thus far shows the need of a reorganization of the distribution process. He says:

"During the present grass season, for example, Chicago has received Mexican, Canadian and Florida cattle at about the same time. Steers raised in California by an Oregon operator have been shipped through Denver to Omaha and their beef sent to points on the Atlantic coast. Hogs raised in Illinois and sold at Indianapolis have been slaughtered at Boston and a part of their cured bacon shipped to Los Angeles. Michigan dressed veal calves expressed to South Water street commission houses at Chicago have been returned to the identical shipping points from which they came to fill orders from local retail markets."

Secretary Houston asks Congress for an additional emergency appropriation of several million dollars on account of the recent outbreak of the foot-and-mouth disease among cattle. He said that if the interval between the last and the present session of Congress had been longer the department would have been without sufficient funds to meet the situation.

"The Department," he said, "has pursued its former policy of purchasing diseased and exposed cattle at an appraised value and of slaughtering them and burying them. It had established a very strict quarantine. The expense of this task will be very great and it will be necessary to ask Congress for an emergency appropriation of several millions of dollars. The interests at stake are vast and justify any reasonable expenditure."

The report sets forth the activities of the department in establishing standard grain grades, and in the initial administration of the new cotton futures law which the Secretary calls the "first definite systematic, legal approach to the solution of difficult problems in this field of distribution." The Secretary recommends consideration of legislation to establish a permissive warehousing system for grain and cotton. He pointed out that the warehouse facilities for cotton in the South are not centralized.

"If the warehouses now in existence" said the report, "were remodeled so as to comply with the under writers' requirements, and were bonded, and if adequate business methods were adopted the financing of the cotton crop would be materially improved. Such a system would furnish relief in times of emergency and would form a useful part of the normal distributive system. It is probable that a Federal law for a permissive warehousing system would stimulate this desirable development."

While the production of grain generally showed a great increase in the crop of 1914, the report pointed out, the production of corn showed no advance, and the meat production showed a distinct decline. In this connection the Secretary points out a "lamentable neglect of live stock production in the South."

The Secretary's report includes a table giving the census figures for 1899 and 1909, showing that in all products except corn and meat animals there has been a marked increase in production during the 10-year period. Continuing, the report says:

"We know that the wheat crop of 1914 of approximately 892,000,000 bushels is the greatest ever produced in our history, and that the crops of oats, barley, rye, potatoes, tobacco, and hay are unusually large. The cotton crop, forecast in October at 15,340,000 bales, is the second largest. The apple crop, estimated at 259,000,000 bushels, is the greatest ever harvested. The total production of six leading cereals is estimated to have been nearly 5,000,000,000 bushels, or about 428,000,000 bushels in excess of the crop of 1913. For the country as a whole the crop yields per acre were 2.3 per cent better than the average for the past ten years. The average yield per acre of all the staple crops was 9.4 per cent greater than 1913, and, except for corn, oats, and flax seed, greater than the ten-year average.

"But after all our efforts, while there is an increased diversification of agriculture and both a relative and absolute increase in important products, such as wheat, forage crops, fruits, dairy products, and poultry, we still note not only a relative but also an absolute decrease in a number of our important staple food products, such as corn and meats. In the former in the last 15 years there has been no substantial advance. In cattle, sheep and hogs there has been an absolute decline—in cattle, from the census year of 1899 to that of 1909, of from 50,000,000 head to 41,000,000; in sheep of from 61 million to 52 million; in hogs, of from 63 million to 58 million. Since 1909 the tendency has been downward, and yet during the period since 1899 the population has increased over 28 million. This situation exists not in a crowded country but in one which is still in a measure being pioneered; in one which, with 935 million acres of arable land, has only 400 million, or 45 per cent, under cultivation; and in one in which the population per square mile does not exceed 31 and ranges from 0.7 person in Nevada to 508 in Rhode Island."

In urging farmers generally to diversify their products and especially to produce beef, swine and poultry, at least for home consumption, the Secretary said:

"If farmers in the South had heretofore practiced diversification on a sufficiently large scale, producing their own home supplies, that section would not be in its present hard case. The experts of this department are laboring earnestly to bring about a better direction of the agricultural activities of the South."

The report reviewed the increased activity of the department's information bureau and included a statement of the plans for a re-organization of the department to increase efficiency. The opening of the forest reserve in a manner that would aid local communities and at the same time preserve the forests, and a system whereby the government could bear a part of the local burden of taxation to be charged against future timber sales, where forests are not at present available for timbering, were recommended.

BUSY ROUND OF FARM ACTIVITIES

West Raleigh, Dec, 12—An hour or two spent at the office of the Agricultural experiment station at Raleigh reveals a busy round of farm activities. This station represents the combined efforts of the A. & M. College, the State and the United States Departments of Agriculture to serve the farmers of North Carolina. Its work is divided into two divisions:

(1) The experimental, and (2) the extension or demonstration division. In the experimental division there are sixty-two scientific men employed. In the demonstration division there are seventy-five men employed in county work and seventy-eight women who give part of their time to their respective counties. The office force at Raleigh for the demonstration side consists of four men and two women.

In the experimental offices there is a great varied round of duties. The farmers have learned to call on these men for advice, suggestions and even criticism. The morning mails bring a flood of inquiries. One farmer is about to put up a silo: he wants plans and specifications, and a statement of cost. Another desires to have plans for a cheap and sanitary fowl-house. Here is a diseased apple and the grower is concerned to know how he can prevent the disease. The farmer has cholera among his hogs and asks for serum with which to inoculate them.

Soy beans interest another and he writes for information about planting and harvesting them. Drainage is a live question and brings many inquiries. Livestock information, including rations, breeds, diseases, markets, is sought by many. In short, the range of questions covers almost all farm operations. These letters are answered painstakingly and often require quite an active stirring to find out the information needed.

Each division is carrying on in field and other places experiments vitally related to farming. As examples of some of the practical problems grappled by these expert men, these may serve. The plant disease division has bred for soils infected by wilt a very palatable watermelon that will grow on soils on which the other types at once will wilt and die, the division also fighting tobacco wilt. The chemical division has just concluded a long series of experiments that has resulted in determining how cotton seed meal can be fed to hogs without hurting them. The agronomy division has obtained some most interesting data recently on corn fertilization. The livestock division found some rather startling results in experiments in feeding cattle under shed, and in feeding under shelter. These are types of the live subjects under investigation. The results obtained are sent out in bulletins which can be had free on application.

The Extension or demonstration division is charged with obtaining all the scientific and practical information secured by the experimenters and by others engaged in similar labor and disseminating this information directly to the farmers and their wives. These men and women do not wait to be sought; they seek ways of service. The officers send out a schedule of activities and the agents in all counties arrange with the farmers, with the housekeepers, with the boys and with the girls to put these activities in force and see what improvements can be made. When it is recalled that the little girls in the tomato clubs sold the past year $35,361.50 worth of articles that they put up, one can see what a start has been made. When also it is remembered that the boys increased their corn yield to 52 bushels an acre against their fathers' 20 bushels, it follows that the fathers will soon grow towards the boys. This year pig clubs and poultry clubs have been added to the other clubs. Regular instruction by trained workers will be given in the country schools to the girls and boys enrolled in these clubs.

The instrumentalities at work to reach the grown ups are varied as those to help the children. To put it briefly, the combined influence of three forces is at work as never before to get an intelligent, discriminatory, diversified system of crop growing.

The extension work will be greatly enlarged if the State legislature meets the Congressional appropriation recently made for the service. North Carolina gets from Congress this year $10,000; Next year this law gives the State $22,000 more if the legislature appropriates an equal amount. It would seem that the lawmakers will not hesitate a moment to meet Congress half way in this appropriation.

J. C. R.

DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOUTH

Industrial and Other Enterprises Reported in Current Issue of Manufacturers' Record.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Baltimore, Dec. 10.—Among the many Southern industrial and other developmental enterprises reported in the current issue of the Manufacturers' Record are the following:

Maryland Coal Co., New York, will improve Lonaconing, Md., plant; is developing Tyson vein in George's Creek region, 1,000 acres; will install electric and improved equipment; ultimate capacity 1,000 tons coal; upon completion of this work will probably develop about 1,000 acres fire clay properties at Mt. Savage, Md.

Land, Timber & Phosphate Co., Savannah, Ga., was incorporated with $100,000 capital stock.

Marshall Car Wheel & Foundry Co., Marshall, Tex., was incorporated with $100,000 capital stock to manufacture car wheels.

Penn Window Glass Co., Pennsboro, W. Va., will establish plant with daily capacity of one car of window glass; will erect $70,000 mill-construction building.

Riverside Coal Co., Tuscaloosa, Ala., was incorporated with $162,000 capital stock.

Texas Lumber Co., Houston, Tex., was incorporated with $50,000 capital stock to operate lumber plant.

Palmetto Land & Timber Co., Brunson, S. C., was incorporated with $150,000 capital stock.

Baltimore Gas Appliance Co., Baltimore, will erect addition to plant; 215x135 feet; brick, steam heat, electric lights, slag roof.

Georgia-Carolina Lime Co., Charleston, S. C., will erect lime kiln at Gainesville, Ga.; daily capacity 400 tons of ground limestone; cost of building and machinery $30,000.

International Brick Co., El Paso, Tex., incorporated with $250,000 capital stock to build plant with daily capacity of 350 tons of brick, tile, etc., will construct five buildings also continuous fire burning kiln with 692 feet of chambers; will develop shale and fire clay land in New Mexico within five miles of El Paso.

Driscoll Pipe Line Co., Groesbeck, Tex., was incorporated with $200,000 capital stock; plans to construct pipe line from natural gas fields of Mexico and supply gas to various towns, including Corsicana, Tex.

Kennedy Foundry Co., Baltimore, will make extension to present plant; mill construction; brick and steel; cost, with machinery, to exceed $100,000.

Robinson Manufacturing Co., Charlotte, N. C., was incorporated with $100,000 capital stock to manufacture coarse hosiery yarns; will install 3,500 spindles, etc., with electric-power drive, plans increase to 8,000 spindles.

Carolina Electric Co., Florence, S. C., organized with $800,000; authorized bond issue of $2,000,000 of which $1,500,000 is reserved for improvements, enlargements and purchase of new properties.

H. F. Sinclair and P. J. White, Tulsa, Okla., are reported to have completed arrangements to construct 8-inch oil pipe line from Oklahoma to Gulf coast, about 450 miles, construct refinery of 25,000 barrels daily capacity; cost of rights-of-way, materials, etc., about $7,500,000, also purchased additional equipment to cost $1,000,000.

J. W. Kyker, Newport, Tenn., will erect building and install equipment to knit hosiery, equipment to include 18 knitting machines.

George R. Richardson Machinery Co., St. Louis, was incorporated with $50,000 capital stock to manufacture machinery.

Norman Packing Co., Portsmouth, Va., was incorporated with $75,000 capital stock to operate packing plant.

Frick Coal & Coke Co., Glenville, W. Va., was incorporated with $1,500,000 capital stock to develop coal and coke properties.

Mingo Block Coal Corporation, Parkersburg, W. Va., was incorporated with $2,000,000 capital stock.

Twin State Oil Refinery Co., Yale, Okla., is reported to construct oil refinery with daily capacity of 2,000 barrels of oil; has 40-acre site and is building four-inch pipe line to field from Yale to have daily capacity of 5,000 barrels of oil; also laying gas line to Yale.

Alaska Lumber Co., Bryson City, N. C., was incorporated with $100,000 capital stock to operate lumber plant.

Southern Telephone & Telegraph Co., Corinth, Miss., was incorporated with $50,000 capital stock to operate telephone and telegraph system.

Cook Lumber Co., Webster Spring, W. Va., was incorporated with capital stock of $25,000 to manufacture lumber.

Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway, Nashville, Tenn., will enlarge blacksmith shop and install additional machinery at cost of $25,000 to $30,000; will install plant to manufacture freight cars; annual capacity 1,000 cars; equipment to include 4,500-pound steam hammer for heavy forging, bolt and nut machine and machine to manufacture journal bearings; also rearrange wheel and axle shop.

D. B. Traxler, Greenville, S. C., contemplates constructing hydro-electric plant to develop waterpower within three miles of Westminster, S. C.; will obtain 1,000 horsepower for electrical transmission; considering proposition to transmit 100 horsepower to Westminster, 100 to Walhalla, S. C., and 100 to Seneca, S. C.

Royal Furniture Co., Lenoir, N. C., was incorporated with $75,000 capital stock to manufacture furniture.

Upper St. John's Drainage Supervisors, Titusville, Fla., will reclaim 265,000 acres of land.

Wolke Furniture Co., Louisville, Ky., was incorporated with $50,000 capital stock to manufacture furniture.

Southern Rubber Products Co., Louisville, Ky., was organized with $25,000 capital stock to manufacture tubes for automobiles.

Newport Culvert Co., Newport, Ky., was incorporated with $25,000 capital stock to manufacture culverts.

Favey Electric Co., Indianapolis, Ind. is reported to build plant at Dunbar, W. Va., to manufacture electric motors, plans include erection of brick factory two stories high, 175x200 feet.

Victor Bentner, Kansas City, Mo., is reported representing capitalists who propose constructing plant at Cumberland Gap, Tenn., with daily capacity of 3,000 barrels of Portland cement.

Penn Manufacturing Co., Pennsboro, W. Va., is reported to build 30-pot glass plant representing investment of $150,000.

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Dolls neatly dressed in pink, blue, red and purple dresses, with nice large hats and curly hair; each 25c

Large jointed Dolls, with beautiful features; these Dolls have real human hair and eye lashes, and are of extra large size; each $2.50

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Dressed Black Face Dolls; some wearing eye glasses; each .. 25c

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Drums for the Boys.. ..25c to $5.00

Barking Dogs and Pups, each from .. .. .10c to 25c

Flutes; each 10c

Guns.... .. .. .25c to $1.25

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A WARNING TO MANY

Some Interesting Facts About Kidney Troubles.

Few people realize to what extent their health depends upon the condition of the kidneys.

The physician in nearly all cases of serious illness makes a chemical analysis of the patient's urine. He knows that unless the kidneys are doing their work properly, the other organs cannot readily be brought back to health and strength.

When the kidneys are neglected or abused in any way, serious results are sure to follow. According to health statistics, Bright's disease which is really an advanced form of kidney trouble, caused nearly ten thousand deaths in 1913, in the state of New York alone, Therefore, it behooves us to pay more attention to the health of these most important organs.

An ideal herbal compound that has had remarkable success as a kidney remedy is Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great Kidney, Liver and Bladder Remedy.

The mild and healing influence of this preparation, in most cases, is soon realized, according to sworn statements and verified testimony of those who have used the remedy.

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WITH THE MAN IN THE STREET

Two Estimates of Man—Coming from two persons of opposite sex, of widely divergent lives and—one would suppose—totally different viewpoints of life, we recently noticed two estimates of man, neither flattering in the least, but both striking and both expressing practically the same opinion.

Dr. William Rainey Bennet, of Chicago, in a lecture to the Y. M. C. A., of Savannah, Ga., last Sunday, declared that no man is wholly good and no man wholly bad, but that in one respect all men are brutes.

Said Dr. Bennett: "The wildest man has got high ideals of beauty. The most beautiful thing God has made is a beautiful woman. Every man is a brute. He puts woman on a high pedestal and then tries to knock her down. If he can't do that, then he'll fall down at her feet and worship her."

Irene Wallace, a leading woman for the Victor-Universal films, writing in the December Green Book of the moral conditions in the moving picture studios, prefaces her article with the statement that she hates the average man, and not because she is a woman; that if she were a man she would hate him. Here is how she sizes Mr. Average Man up:

"And the man, the Average Man, is a dull force that started out to misunderstand woman in the hope that she would prove appealingly dangerous; that sets up her image on a pedestal for the pleasure of knocking it down; a stupid, self-sufficient, blundering beast that is cowardly even in its sin."

Rather uncomplimentary, but we are forced to admit that there is some truth in the estimates of the noted lecturer and the motion picture star.

And One of Woman—Had Miss Wallace contented herself merely with expressing just how little she thought of the average man, she would not have laid herself open to the charge of cynicism. But by the following broadside directed at her own sex, she forces upon her reader the conclusion that she is a cynic of the rankest type. She says:

"Your average woman is a professional temptress—because she is weak or because it is her nature; I do not know which. She is man's prey, and she—poor, vain clay-clod, is glad she is. Tell her so, she ruffles her fur and spits cat-wise; tell her she isn't, and you thereby insult her most deeply.

"She wants only what she shouldn't have; she says only what she doesn't believe; she acts what she doesn't feel —she has been told she is an actress; she loves what she fears, and in the acid-test of the universe she is a mere mathematical problem in reverse ratio, so interestingly simple she seems complex."

Whew!

Why Do They Do It?—From the time to which the memory of man runneth not to the contrary it has been a great joke with a certain class of people to get an item in a newspaper to the effect that some of their unmarried friends are married. Just why they should want to do it the Man in the Street doens't know, but doubtless they think that it is worth while or they would stop the habit.

Every newspaper man, after one or two sad experiences in which he unwittingly causes some young man and some young lady much embarrassment, and comes dangerously near involving his paper in a libel suit, always keeps his "weather eye" out for these people. He cannot afford to take any chances on putting the announcement of a wedding in the paper. Even after exercising all kinds of precaution, occasionally he has a "joke" of this kind "put over" on him.

One night the past week a Star man was informed over the 'phone that two young people of Wilmington had been married that night at 8 o'clock in a certain church in this city. After going to the trouble to get their names spelled right he asked what minister officiated. A Wilmington pastor was named. He was also informed that it was an informal affair and that only a few friends were present.

Thinking that it might be wise, he called up this minister and found that he was out. Later in the night he called again and the minister told him that he knew nothing about the wedding, as he had been attending a meeting of his official board that night.

The next day The Star man searched the marriage license book of the register of deeds and to the best of his knowledge and belief no marriage license was ever issued for the young people named.

This may help some people to understand why the average newspaper man is so inquisitive about weddings. He can't afford to take chances and if you happen not to know a newspaper man, don't be offended if, after you tell him about a wedding, if he puts you through the third degree to find out who you are. It's his business to state facts and usually he does the best he can.

Now why will people tell a newspaper man things that aren't true and then give him hail Columbia because he makes mistakes? It's a funny world, isn't it? Or rather, we should say that there are people of queer opinions, and senses of humor that are passing strange.

Some Shot, This—A certain well-known young man about town—we would not use the trite phrase could we find one equally as expressive—who is more at home on the ball room floor than in the woods, has recently developed a fondness for pursuing the festive 'possum and 'coon these fine winter nights, and in company with several congenial spirits has lately enjoyed a number of hunts in the nearby swamps.

On their first trip they were almost skunked—at least they only secured one 'possum—and a skunk. But on their next trip they got another opossum and also a fine, fat raccoon.

The next day the embryo sportsman was recounting his adventures to a group of his friends. He told of the fine chase they had after the 'coon, which was finally treed in a tall cypress.

"And you should have seen the man who was with us knock him out of that tree," he added with vast enthusiasm. "Why the coon was way up in the top of the tree, and he knocked him out the very first shot."

"What kind of a gun was he using?" one of the others wanted to know.

"A 16-guage shotgun," replied the enthusiastic one.

"Some shot!" was the sarcastic comment of the other, and the hunter of tender experience is puzzling yet to know why the other members of the crowd laughed.

Here Goes Our Goat—An unknown friend, who has contributed rhymed jingles to this column on several previous occasions, sends us the following, which we reproduce with an apology for the several poetic licenses taken therein:

"Dear Man in the Street:—Hope you will accept the following verses in the same spirit I am sending them; that is, the spirit of fun. You see I was at the same picture show and when I read your article the following Sunday it struck me so funny and these verses kept jingling through my brain until I just had to write them down to get rid of them, so here they are:

I went to the picture show,
To see and be seen you know,
And while I was there,
Sitting back in his chair
On the very last, last row.

Was a man so fat, oh my!
He had twinkles in his eye,
And who would have dreamed
With such a picture on the screen,
He would have heard the spinster sigh.

Said the man, sitting back in his chair,
"See that woman over there?
Well—she's fair, fat and forty,"
Now wasn't that naughty?
For it might have been me, oh Dear!

Then said the man, and looked wise,
"That girl just dabs at her eyes,
While the plump little man,
Smiles as hard as he can,
Regardless of baldness or size."

Said he "the dyspeptic arose,"
Snorted cynically as one would suppose,
And the boy said 'Aw mush,
They give us such gush,
At some of these picture shows'."

But that wasn't all, you know,
That happened at that picture show.
For—just for the fun,
Of seeing the fat man run,
The spinster sighed once more.

Sure enough, he rushed for the door,
I looked around, but saw him no more,
So I gazed at the screen,
Till the end of the scene,
And that was the end of the show."

Typewriters and "Copy"—One of the well defined and absolutely fixed rules of The Star office is that all "copy" for the composing room must be typewritten. This leaves the deciphering of badly written manuscript to the editorial staff, and frequently they are compelled to guess at it the best they can, and take chances the next day of being "raked over the coals" by the "contrib."

Not long ago a particularly badly written manuscript was turned in and it fell to the lot of the night editor to "run" it off on the typewriter. He did the best he could and made as presentable "copy" as he could for the printers.

"Well, there is just one thing I have got to say," he declared when he had finished with the job, "and that is if the allies shoot as bad as that fellow writes, they will be a long time whipping the Germans."

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

(By GEORGE WILLARD BONTE.)

God of our fathers, intervene;
Stretch forth Thy staying hands;
Blood of our brothers flows between
The bounds of kindred lands,
And tears, oh the tears of mothers and wives,
Are rusting the blades of our harvest knives;
God of our fathers, grant us peace—
Smother the fiery brands.

Christ, Lord and Master, Prince of Peace,
Vanquish the god of war.
Bid the red clouds of rage surcease
Where mad iron eagles soar.
Silence the blasts of the hellish siege guns—
Boasting the slaying of thousands of sons;
Christ, Lord and Master, heal our wounds—
Silence the battle's roar.

Lord of the Nations, bring us years
Of peace, good-will and toil;
Lead us from out this vale of tears—
Bless Thou the corpse-strewn soil.
End the wild orgy of carnage and hate;
Steer to safe harbors the wrecked ships of state;
Lord of the Nations, hear our prayer—
Quiet the World's turmoil.

—From the New York Herald.

THE BEST PROOF

Given by a Wilmington Citizen.

Doan's Kidney Pills were used—they brought benefit.

The story was told to Wilmington residents.

Time has strengthened the evidence.

Has proven the result lasting.

The testimony is home testimony—

The proof convincing.

It can be investigated by Wilmington residents.

J. F. Hansley, 406 Walnut St., Wilmington, says: "My back and kidneys troubled me a great deal and I think it was due to my being on my feet so much. I suffered from dull, dragging backaches and I couldn't stoop without having sharp twinges in my loins. The kidney secretions were too frequent in passage and contained sediment. I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at Bellamy's Drug Store and in a few days the pains and aches left." (Statement given Feb. 25, 1908.)

OVER TWO YEARS LATER Mr. Hansley said: "I have not had occasion to use a kidney medicine since Doan's Kidney Pills gave me lasting benefit."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy — get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Hansley had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

WHAT THE CANNING CLUBS OF NORTH CAROLINA ARE DOING

Report for the Year, From December, 1913, to December, 1914, by Jane S. McKimmon, State Agent.

There were organized in North Carolina for canning club work from December, 1913, to December, 1914, 32 counties, with an enrollment of 1,509 members, an increase of 18 counties and 1,100 members over the previous year.

These members are divided into 144 clubs with 79 supervisors. Each county has its chief agent, and where there are many clubs in a county this agent has sub-agents to assist in supervising members and getting standards during the canning season. In two widely organized counties we have as many as eight agents each; in others five or less.

Thirty of the counties have sent in to me their reports for the year which state that 209,686 No. 3 tin cans, and 49,405 glass jars of tomatoes, string beans, peaches, berries and all other edible products of the farm have been produced.

Total value	$35,361.50
Cost	9,425.76
Profit	25,935.74
Average cost per member	11.44
Average profit per member	31.82

One club of 15 members, supervised by Mrs. Ross, of Alamance county, put up 10,682 No. 3 tin cans, 1,640 glass jars and 100 gallons of vinegar, and sold fresh $55 worth of vegetables. These things represent $1,563 in cash values, cost $360, profits $1,196, or $86.40 profit per girl. One hundred per cent. of the members enrolled in this club reported the work done.

Mrs. Lamb of Sampson county, a county just started in the work last spring, reports a club of nine members filling 5,975 No. 3 tin cans, and 102 glass jars with vegetables, fruits and juices, selling fresh $2 worth of vegetables.

Total money value	$625.00
Cost	162.00
Profit	463.00
Profit per member	51.45

Eighty-two per cent. of the members enrolled reported. We have many other clubs making almost as good records.

Alamance county, which has been in the work three years, reports the greatest number of cans and jars filled.

Number filled	55,165
Sold fresh	$ 226.26
Money value	7,039.65
Cost	1,771.25
Profits	5,268.45

Seventy-five per cent. of the members enrolled in this county reported. Miss Edna Reinhardt, who has seven sub-agents as assistants, is the chief agent in this county.

Anson county, with Mrs. Redfearn as chief agent, assisted by three supervisors, has produced in tin and glass:

Jars	38,540
Sold fresh	162.16
Money value	$5,016.20
Cost	1,531.30
Profits	3,854.40

This county had an enrollment of 63 girls, and 60, or 96 per cent, reported They have done remarkable work in glasss, sending several hundred dollars' worth of shipments north. Austin Nichols, one of the largest wholesale fancy grocers in the United States, has ordered a carload of preserves from picked girls under Mrs. Redfearn's supervision after seeing a display of their beautiful packs.

Mrs. Capehart, of Granville, and Mrs. Bayne, of Cumberland county, have also had their selected girls do beautiful glass packs for the Northern markets.

We have bent every effort this year toward teaching commercial packing, and out of the 25 counties exhibiting at the State fair, only one failed to show its training in that particular. We were very pround of the uniformly good packs that these counties sent in, and felt much complimented that the Washington office should have selected one dozen glass jars to be photographed for a bulletin as examples of fine standard commercial packs. At the State fair there were displayed 1,104 glass jars of fruits and vegetables, and two large pyramids of tins.

While in New York I examined the packs of goods sold by Park & Tilford and found our girls' packs to compare most favorably.

Our markets are good, and most of the counties are selling at home.

Each county supervisor has been growing gradualy into a consultant housekeeper for the county; promoting home economics in the country schools by her small cooking clubs, giving instruction in butter making, marketing, farm produce, grading and packing eggs, impressing the gospel of sanitation, and promoting "get together clubs."

If we had the funds to employ these agents for the whole year, in my opinion there could be found no more efficient means of organizing the country women for better living.

It is almost impossible to say how many miles have been covered by our different county agents in their trips to and fro, but those of us who have gone from county to county, and, in my case, sometimes from State to State, have covered in the aggregate, 21,528 miles.

Miss Scott, my assistant, has traveled 9,176 miles while visiting counties to instruct the agents and give demonstrations of canning in every organized county. Eight months of time have been spent by her in almost constant travel, and she has achieved most satisfactory results.

Miss Evans, second field agent, employed two months in summer to assist in instructing agents, traveled 2,700 miles.

I have to record 9,652 miles traveled partly in North Carolina and partly in other States, being sent out either to instruct, be instructed or to make talks at New York, Washington, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Louisville, Frankfort and Lexington. Columbia University financed my trip to Teachers' College, and asked for a talk on the plan of organization and our methods of work. The home economics departemtn of Cornell University has asked that such a talk be given there also. We feel proud that these universities, which are foremost in extension work, should be interested in our girls and the results they have achieved.

In our office, we have in the last six months written and numbered 3,230 personal letters, making 6,460 per year; and have sent out 46,800 circular letters.

We have added 11 new counties to our organization for 1915, and have 27 counties which have applied, on our waiting list, which we will admit into the organization as soon as we can finance the work.

To carry on the testing of recipes, which by the way, is done with each recipe before it is given to the girls; and for tests in canning, it is necessary that we have a small labratory simply equipped for the purpose. This will cost very little, and I hope will be given us.

This work has brought in such fine financial returns that in these times of depression it would seem the part of wisdom to put as much into it as is possible. Our people are beginning to see that at all times wholesome food is a marketable commodity, and that the surplus on their farms may be turned into a substantial income.

Last year our appropriation from State, Federal and County sources amounted to about $15,000.00. We have to record in actual profits, $25,935.74.

Respectfully submitted,

JANE S. M'KIMMON

In Charge, Girls' Demonstration Work

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By virtue and in pursuance of the power of sale in a certain mortgage made by Charles R. Mason and wife, M. F. Mason, to the Atlantic Trust & Banking Company, dated the 26th day of August, 1912, and duly recorded in Book 69, at page 268, Public Records of this County. Default having been made in the payment of the obligation secured by said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at Public Auction at noon, on the 10th day of January, 1915, at the Court House door of this county, the following described piece or parcel of land lying and being in the State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, and Harnett Township, to-wit:

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BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION AFTERMATH AND RETROSPECT

Most Significant Movement, New System of Educational Policy—A Touching Incident—The Baptist Idea in Architecture Expressed at Wake Forest—Passing of an Old Board—Assembly at Seashore.

(By T. W. Chambliss.)

Raleigh, Dec. 12.—That which is beyond all odds the most significant movement forward in its splendid history of 84 years is the inauguration of the movement of the Baptist State Convention when the constitution of the convention was amended and a board of education provided for that will have oversight of all the educational interests of the convention and in addition aid the education of young ministers.

The action is the result of a decision last year to place Christian education on the budget of the denominational activity and the adopted plan was the result of a year of thought and work on the part of a committee consisting of Dr. William Louis Poteet, Dr. R. T. Vann, G. E. Lineberry, C. M. Beach, R. L. Moore, C. E. Maddry, W. C. Barrett, J. J. Hurt, C. W. Scarborough and J. S. Snyder.

In order to accept and adopt the report, it was necessary first to amend the constitution and the second section was amended to read, "The primary object of this convention shall be to encourage and support Christian education and institutions fostered by this convention." Further on in the same section the words, "promote all agencies of social betterment" were added, to cover any other matters of like character that come before the convention. Section 11 was made to conform to section 2, and will now read, "The education board shall foster and promote all the educational interests of the convention."

New System Made Clear.

This entirely new system of educational policy is made clear in the report of the special committee as read by Dr. Poteat and after discussion adopted. The final report follows:

"The committee appointed at your last session to propose a plan for making effective the convention's endorsement of the principle of placing Christian education on the budget of the churches bega to submit the following recommendations:

"1. That the convention elect a board of education consisting of the president of Wake Forest College, the president of Meredith College, the president of Chowan College, together with 15 other members, five of whom shall be elected for one year, five for two years, and five for three years, and the successors of each group for terms of three years each. These 15 members may be officially connected with the convention system of schools provided that no institution may have more than one representative on the board.

"2. That the proposed board of education be authorized to standardize and to admit the schools to the convention system of schools but in administrative matters stand only in an advisory capacity to the trustees of the institutions of the system.

"3. That the existing board of education assisting young ministers and the Baptist secondary school board be discontinued and all the educational institutions fostered by the convention, including ministerial education be committed to the proposed board of education.

"4. That it be made the duty of the proposed board of education to request regular contributions for Christian education from the churches of the convention, to collect all funds for the equipment and maintenance of Baptist institutions and for the assistance of young ministers, to disburse undesignated funds according to its judgment and to apply designated funds according to the wishes of the contributors.

"5. That the proposed board of education be authorized to elect its own corresponding secretary, fix his salary, and pay it out of the funds in its control and not otherwise designated.

"6. That all reports of the colleges and schools of the convention system be made annually to the convention through the proposed board of education.

"6. That the proposed board of education be located at Durham.

The Change Adopted.

Following the adoption of the report, there was no dissenting voice and in general a feeling of a very satisfactory settlement of the important matter. Rev. M. L. Kesler offered a resolution naming the following committee, John A. Oates, J. C. Scorborough, J. S. Farmer, B. Craig and J. M. Arnette, whose duty shall be to name the 15 members of the new board of education.

A Touching Incident.

One of the touching incidents of the Convention and the feature of the session of Thursday was the reading of a letter written to Convention Treasurer Walters Durham and the subsequent consequence.

The letter written by one of the young women at the training school in Louisville brought tears to the eyes of many delegates and made a profound impression. The name of the writer was withheld at her own request. The letter said:

"I am sending you, with this, a ring, which I hope you can dispose of and use the proceeds for the work of State missions. I have tried here, but have been unable to dispose of it and I am very anxious for it to go this way. I will appreciate it if you will do this and say nothing about it more than is necessary to sell it."

When the Convention heard the letter, Rev. Dr. Baylus Cade made a motion that the Convention purchase the ring, taking a voluntary offering for the purpose, apply the offering to State missions, and instruct Mr. Durham to return the ring to the young woman as a gift from the Convention. Unanimously the motion carried and the offering taken amounted to $90. Secretary Johnson was requested to write the young woman and express the appreciation of her sacrificial gift.

Baptist Idea in Architecture.

With the completion of the meeting house at Wake Forest the Baptist denomination sees the larger significance of the church building. It is far more than the mere completion of a church edifice—it is the expression of the Baptist idea.

The impressive house of God in any community is a reminder day after day of the presence of God. The church house is a visible protest against materialism. When the State Convention, in session at Goldsboro in 1912, appointed a committee to promote the erection of a building at Wake Forest for the use of the Wake Forest church and agreed that the denomination in the State should put at least $25,000 into that building, in addition to the amount to be raised by the members of the Wake Forest church, the Baptist denomination determined that the building should be a model edifice, speaking in expression of the Baptist idea.

The pastor of the Wake Forest church, Rev. W. N. Johnson, working with a Baptist architect, Mr. J. M. McMichaels, of Charlotte, evolved the plan, which should stand as the expression of the Baptist idea in architecture. The result of the plan and the building was made clear to the Convention when the house was shown them during the present session of the Convention.

No better expression of the purpose of the plan can be written other than the statement of Dr. Johnson himself. He says:

"After all, the spirit of a civilization expresses itself more perfectly and more permanently in its building than anywhere else. The most that we known of the motive that moved the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Egyptians, centuries ago, in their larger undertakings, is what we learn with a spade, digging into their ruined cities. What will the archeologist of a thousand years think of the civilization that you and I think of the civilization when he digs down into the ground and finds that we built larger freight houses than hospitals, more impressive automobile garages than temples of God?

"Let religion have the right of way in our architecture.

"Further than that, give the Baptist idea of religion a chance to express itself architecturally. Some one has said that the Baptist idea can not go into brick, stone and mortar. That is a serious indictment of the Baptist movement, for no idea which can not be expressed in buildings can hope to be permanent in civilization, so deeply interested in building as ours is.

"The Baptist idea has not been architecturally expressed to this time Baptists have been too poor to erect great buildings. They have lived largely in country districts where there is no necessity for great buildings. Baptists are beginning to see the larger relations of Baptist principles; that they reach to the bottom of human society and to the outer circumference of all human interests. They are beginning to demand an adequate, permanent expression.

"The Baptist idea, democracy in religion, is taking the age. When at last democracy in religion shall find full expression in a building the elementary forces of our time will culminate in an era of building that will eclipse the glory of former time. There is soon to come a type of church building that will mean more to the future than the cathedrals of Europe have meant to the past.

"The character of Baptist building—just what it will be no man can tell. A building can no more be described in words than a tune. Architecture is frozen music. But we shall know the Baptist building when we see it.

"There are some things that we can foretell about the Baptist building. It will not break harmony with its surroundings. Standing for a religion rooted in the commo nlife of the community where it is located, it will not be marked as forbiddingly different from the other buildings of the community. Whatever it is in the Baptist instinct that recoils from a robe or some peculiar costume on one of our preachers that marks him as different from other men, has never yet been expressed in our church buildings.

"The Baptist emphasis is on the interior. Once inside of the Baptist building, one shall be impressed with His majesty. The Baptist building will not be a severe utility building. Equality among men being dependent upon the lordship of Jesus Christ, this building serving the common life of the community, will overwhelmingly impress every soul that passes into it with the supreme authority of our Lord and Saviour.

"The Wake Forest building marks a stage on the way to this type of architecture in North Carolina. Every foot of its space is used for teaching and preaching the word and for social intercourse of the people attending service in it. Yet the cross, in the form of which the whole plan is cast, the columns at its entrance, the stone doorway at its front, the three doors which have to be passed to enter its auditorium and the lofty dome above its center, give it a dignity which keep the total utility of all its parts from becoming cheap."

Bold Stroke for a New Day.

When North Carolina Baptists met in that building, they knew that for the first time in their experience, that which they had felt in their souls was expressed. The Baptist pace in architecture has been set and the location—at Wake Forest college—is ideal. The plan of the Wake Forest church was a bold stroke for a new day in Baptist architecture.

The building is 90 by 110 feet and is surmounted by a 40 foot copper dome. The interior decoration is tastefully pleasing. Over the choir loft is an immense reproduction of the painting of Christ before Pilate. The seats are of mahogany and the finishing of the room is the same shade. There is a perfect bowl floor, and from any point in the building, either on the floor or in the gallery which runs around the three sides a speaker can be heard without the least difficulty.

It is a model building, with the main auditorium, the Sunday school class rooms, the pastor's study, the dressing rooms, parlors and in very truth a unified church building.

The idea was to erect a building of unity and utility and with a flexible arrangement. The building, small as it appears comfortably seats 1,100 people. All of the rooms are so arranged that they may be either segregated or connected. The latest, up-to-date lighting system has been installed, and with it a steam heating plant.

The stained glass windows were especially noticed for their beauty and yet their simplicity.

The building is not yet entirely finished, some of the interior decoration was delayed. The open baptistry will be equipped with a fading light and will typify the death and resurrection thought of the ordinance.

Cost of the Building.

The committee reported to the Convention that the total cost of the building was $47,515.34 with an additional cost of $5,900 for the furnishings and organ. Of this amount the Convention has paid $12,106.50 and Wake Forest church has paid $8,007.16, leaving a balance asked of the Conveption of $18,000, the remainder to be paid by the Wake Forest church. While in session the Convention raised $7,867.50 and appointed a committee consisting of C. E. Maddry, C. H. Durham, A. Johnson, C. W. Mitchell and W. N. Jones to have charge of the work of raising and expending the fund. The Convention also proposed to ask the Home Mission Board of Atlanta to make an appropriation of $5,000 from the church building fund toward the building.

Passing of an Old Board.

It was January 30, 1864, when the board of education—now passing out of existence, was first organized. The second meeting of the board was held November 9, 1865, and at that meeting W. T. Brooks, W. N. Wingate, W. T. Walters, William Royall, James H. Foote and W. B. Royall were present. W. T. Brooks was chosen president of the board and W. B. Royall was elected recording secretary. Fifty years have passed and November 9, 1914, W. B. Rowall finished his forty-ninth year as recording secretary. December 9, 1914, the Convention by changing its educational plan abolished the board—just at the time when the last report was read and Dr. Royall requested that he be relieved. His record is remarkable. Forty-nine consecutive years' service. During those years the following men served as corresponding secretary of the board: W. T. Walker, Charles E. Taylor, John B. Caryle, R. T. Vann, W. R. Gwaltney, John Mitchell and W. R. Cullom.

Meets at Charlotte Next Year.

By unanimous vote the Convention decided to hold its next session in Charlotte in 1915—the invitation as extended by the churches of that city, being unanimously accepted.

Rev. T. W. O'Kelly, of Raleigh, was appointed to preach the annual sermon with Rev. J. Clyde Turner, of Greensboro, as alternate. The invitation came on the usual plan of entertainment and the convention did not decide to change the plan.

Field Secretary Braxton Craig reported that it would be necessary to raise $20,000 before May in order to complete the apportionment of North Carolina to the Judson Centennial memorial fund of $90,000. The committee was instructed to continue the canvass.

Messages of greeting were received by the convention from Rev. F. M. Jordan and Rev. J. D. Hufham—two of the pioneer men of the denomination. Messages of sympathy were ordered sent them and an offering was taken to be sent Rev. F. M. Jordan.

President Durham named the following committee to arrange the programme for the Pastors' Conference next year: Rev. E. N. Johnson, Rev. D. P. Harris, Rec. S. L. Morgan.

Looking Toward Efficiency.

Rec. W. C. Barrett, of Gastonia, offered a resolution, and asked that it be referred to a committee, to report next year, providing for the rearrangement of the Convention work. Three divisions of the work, namely missions, education and social service, under the control of three boards, located in Raleigh, Durham and Greensboro, respectively, and providing that all Convention interests be in charge of one of these boards. The resolution will be in the hands of a committee of 12 for next session.

Summer Assembly at Seashore.

The committee appointed last year to plan a summer assembly at the coast reported through Rev. J. H. Foster, of Wilmington, and were continued with Rev. J. J. Hurt added to the committee. Plans are being made for the assembly and the financial arrangements are already completed. The encampment will be at Wrightsville Beach.

Peace Resolution.

The Convention adopted a resolution which states the position of the Convention as favorable to any and every effort than can be made by the United States toward a settlement of the European war. The resolution was offered by Rev. Dr. Hall.

Saving Time at the Convention.

Looking toward the saving of time next year the Convention adopted a resolution which will discontinue the custom of supplementary reports on matters connected with the work of the boards of the Convention and further provides that each board shall select a speaker to present the work of the board to the Convention in an address of not more than 30 minutes.

Woman's Work.

Some interesting figures in reference to the Baptist work during the year, and indicative of the progress which will be more fully reported in the coming session give evidence of effective work along all lines of denominational activity.

These figures are taken from the reports of the district associational meetings and cover the period ending with October of this year, and with the exception of the missionary contributions these figures will stand as official.

In the State, the Baptist have 64 districts associations with a total membership of 256,599 gathered into 2,093 local churches. During the year these churches will show 14,716 baptisms, a gai nof 1,452 over last year and a larger gain than any previous year. Of these 2,093 churches, 1,744 contributed to some of the Convention benevolent objects, with Roanoke Association, located in the North Eastern section of the State leading the entire list. From the reports of the associations the contributions to benevolent objects amounts to $195,659.68, an increase of $5,892.97. The amount of money expended by these churches for local expenses, pastor's salaries and church building is not included in the figures given.

The work of foreign missions leads, with offerings of $51,365.09; State missions, $49,494.83; home missions, $32,-898.62; the Thomasville Orphanage, $47,832.86; Sunday school missions, $3,188.54; ministerial education, $5,843,-88; ministerial relief, $5,036.38.

In membership, the West Chowan Association leads with the largest number of church members.

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Record of Man Who Lives But Four Miles From Warsaw

Warsaw, N. C., Dec 12.—In this day of enlightenment an dprogress it would not seem possible that a person could live only four miles from a town and only visit it once in years, but the true story of the life of Mr. Joshua Armstrong proves that this is a fact.

Mr. Armstrong has from boyhood lived a very recluse life, and instead of going out into the world as most people are wont to do, has lived for years with this town, practically in his back yard, and his visit here on Wednesday was the first time that he had been here in a quarter of a century.

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Text of the Lesson, Luke xxiv, 50-53; Acts i, 1-11—Memory Verses, 10, 11. Golden Text, Acts i, 9—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

We have the option this time of the regular lesson on the ascension, or what is called a Christmas lesson on the reign of peace, from Isa. xi, 1-10, but as the ascension lesson includes His return to set up His kingdom we will take it and look at both. The time when Isa. xi shall be literally fulfilled cannot come during this age of rejected Messiah and a consequently scattered Israel, but as truly as He at His first coming literally fulfilled all that is written in Isa. liii and elsewhere concerning His sufferings, so shall He when He shall come again as literally fulfill all that is written everywhere concerning His kingdom and glory. Animals that now devour each other shall live in peace together, nations shall learn war no more, for He shall have smitten them and broken them in pieces, and the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea, for the rod out of the stem of Jesse, who is also the root of Jesse; the son of David, who is also David's Lord, shall sit on David's throne and reign over the house of Jacob, who will then be a nation all righteous, according to Gabriel and all the prophets, the neglect of whom made the two with whom He walked to Emmaus to be foolish men (Luke xxiv, 25; i, 31, 32; Jer. iii, 17; Isa. ix, 6, 7; ix, 21).

He who rose from the dead was indeed the Son of David, the long promised king to rule over Israel, which He shall surely do at His return, and not only Israel, but all nations (Mic. iv, 3; v, 2; Ps. lxxii, 11; Matt. i, 1; Rev. xxii, 16; II Tim. ii, 8; Rev. i, 5; Ps. lxxxvi, 9). How wonderful the king and the kingdom! Thy kingdom come! Christmas is almost without significance unless it points us on to the coming again of Him who was born in Bethlehem, not in the winter season, but probably in the springtime.

Turning to the lesson in the Acts, the former treatise referred to was the gospel by Luke, wherein he, as well as Matthew and Mark in their gospels, set forth the things that Jesus began to do and teach and which the Holy Spirit through redeemed people has ever since been doing and teaching and will till the church is completed.

Notice that doing always goes before teaching, for we cannot teach others until we have done the things ourselves. He continued to do and teach until the day in which He was taken up. May we by the same Spirit be faithful witnesses until taken out of the body or taken up in the body to be ever with Him (I Thess. iv, 16-18; Phil. i, 21, 23). We must not confuse these two, but either will be glorious.

Notice how He did all by the Holy Spirit. And remember that from His conception to His resurrection all was by the Holy Spirit, the same one concerning whom He said, "Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me" (verse 8, margin). As He showed Himself alive in His resurrection body He expects us, in the power of His resurrection by the Holy Spirit, to manifest Him in our mortal bodies that others may see Him and not us.

He will manifest Himself in us if we are fully yielded. Since He is more willing to give the fullness of the Spirit than parents are to give good gifts unto their children, what can hinder us from being filled but our own unwillingness? Their question, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" was in no sense a foolish question, for the prophets are full of such a restoration, and the heaven has received Him only until the times of restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began (Acts iii, 21). Our Lord did not reprove them for asking the question, nor did He say that they were carnal in looking for such a kindom or that they misunderstood the nature of the kingdom. He simply said to them, and He says to us, that we are not to know the time, and elsewhere He said that it will be in such an hour as we think not. But His great desire for us is that we shall be, in the power of His Spirit, His faithful witnesses to His death and resurrection and present ministry and coming again.

He led them out as far as to Bethany, and while He blessed them with uplifted hands He was parted from them, carried up into heaven and sat on the right hand of God (verse 9; Luke xxiv, 50, 51; Mark xvi, 19). As they looked steadfastly toward heaven two men in white apparel said, "This same Jesus * * * shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem with great joy and were continually praising and blessing God (verse 11; Luke xxiv, 52.) Let us hold fast the very words about "this same Jesus," and if we believe them as they did we will be affected as they were to His glory—not death nor any great event in the past, but a literal personal coming to the air to welcome His church and then to the same Olivet to set up His kingdom.

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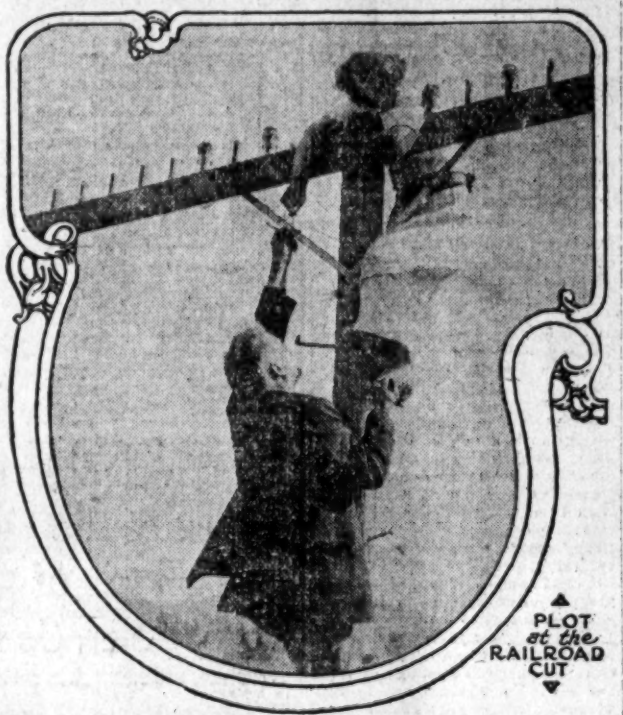
Eve, whose mother was the outcast wife of a wealthy family, her mother having married the rich son and being despised by them because of her theatrical antecedents, earns a meager sustenance selling flowers. Matilde, an old lady with whom the flower girl lives, forbids her to go into cafes to sell her wares, telling her at the same time the story of her mother.

Beware of Love And Dynamite



BOTH are too explosive to be carelessly handled, as poor Gregg discovered. If it had not been for the quick wit of Miss Helen Holmes, telegraph operator, at Quarry Depot, more than Gregg might have suffered.

Most girls would have sat down and cried when they found that the telegraph wires had been torn down by the explosion and that there was no way to get word to the next town where the doctor lived. Not so Helen of Quarry Depot. The dauntless girl started out to the scene of the accident, pulled the tangled wires from under the mass of debris, sent her assistant back to the shop for a pair of pliers and with their aid cut out an uninjured piece of wire and bridged the main line.

The doctor arrived in time to carry Benton and the other wounded miners back to the hospital, but too late to save poor Gregg, who paid the penalty for juggling love and dynamite—under the ruins. It was jealousy that made the mischief. Benton and Gregg were rivals for the smiles of Helen.

One day Gregg tried to kiss her. She slapped his face, and then they fought. Benton arrived on the scene in time to save her from serious injury. Gregg never forgave him for that. His opportunity came when he saw Benton resting near the spot where a charge was to be set off. Gregg struggled with his conscience a moment, then pushed the handle down and turned death loose.

There is a remarkable view of the explosion as well as the remarkable feat of Helen Holmes climbing the telegraph pole to examine the wires in this newest Kalem photo play, "The Plot at the Railroad Cut." It is the best yet of the Hazards of Helen series, in which Miss Helen Holmes is featured each week in some daring adventure.

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Episode No. 11—"In the Path of the Fast Express"—More Thrilling Than Ever Before.
"LOLA, THE RAT"
Vitagraph Love Drama, Featuring Maurice Costello and Estelle Mardo.
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TUESDAY—5 REELS
A Great 3-Reel Vitagraph Feature
"LOVE, LUCK AND GASOLINE"
"IN THE LAND OF ARCADIA"
Two-Reel Dramatic, Featuring Charles Kent, Charles Eldridge, and the Favorite LILLIAN WALKER.

THURSDAY—5 REELS
Biograph 3-Reel Feature:
"THE BILLIONAIRE"
"THE BRIDAL ATTIRE"
Vitagraph Comedy, Featuring Billy Quirk and Constance Talmadge Cleek.
"THE HERITAGE OF HAMILTON"
Edison Drama, Featuring Benjamin F. Wilson and Gertrude McCoy.

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BIG SURPRISE SHOW

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Ben Wilson In Detective Play

What is the secret of the mystery of the perfumed handkerchief? In spite of every precaution taken by the Sea View management, robberies persist among the guests; and, after each robbery, a delicate handkerchief, strangely perfumed, remains behind as a baffling clue—as a sort of a testimonial to the crook's cleverness. Occasionally there are cigar butts of some special manufacture left behind,

FRANCES NELSON, LEADING WOMAN with BEN WILSON

In "The Mystery of the Seaview Hotel."

and on other occasions ladies' gloves, men's ties, etc., but it is the perfumed handkerchiefs which creates the stir and wonderment among those concerned. When their own efforts have failed to detect the criminal, Ben Wilson, amateur detective and a friend of the manager, is called into the case. He sees a problem after his own heart, and so takes up the task of clearing up the mystery and bringing the criminal to justice.

"The Mystery of the Sea View Hotel" was written especially for Ben Wilson, new Universal star and hero of the well known "Cleek" series of detective plays produced by the Edison company. Mr. Wilson's natural attainments, combined with his experience, qualify him as few are qualified, to produce and act modern detective dramas. See this play and you will see Ben Wilson in one of the best detective plays he has ever appeared in.

Night Photography In "Bison" Drama

"THE BRAND OF HIS TRIBE" IN TWO REELS SHOWS NEW FEATURE IN PICTURES

There are three facts found in "The Brand of His Tribe," "101 Bison" two-reel Indian drama, which will make it stand out far ahead of the ordinary production of this nature. First, the picture will show scenes photographed at night—a feat that has never before been successfully accomplished in a dramatic picture. As a matter of fact, several companies have attempted to obtain such scenes, but the distinction goes to the Universal of being the first company to succeed. The beautiful effects gained, showing the Indian village lighted up with the camp fires and the Indians dancing around, are enough in themselves to make a feature of any picture. Second, the terrific battle between Indians and United States soldiers has never been beaten for realism and tenseness. The atmosphere and general spirit of the piece are notable achievements. Second, the action tells a vigorous story which strikes a vital note, indicated in the burning declaration of Lieut. Wilcox, the hero, "If I am not good enough to marry a white woman, then I am not good enough to fight for her."

"The Coward" Full Of Human Interest

How often have you heard it said of a man, "He's a coward"? Yet, why has it been said—what is it that has made hom a coward in the eyes of his associates? Is it because he is apparently timid—is afraid to fight when conditions would seem to necessitate it? Or is it just the personality of the man that gives out that impression? No matter which it is, the real meaning of the word "coward" is pretty hard to define when we come to applying it to the individual. For that reason, perhaps, it has often been unjustly applied—all the more unjust because when a man once falls under its ban it is almost impossible to escape the stigma.

David Harris, because he had resigned his commission in the army and refused to go to war, had been called a coward by his friends and associates. Did he deserve it? Was his greatest duty at home with his wife or in the battlefield? We think there is only one answer to that question. But what is your conviction? "The Coward," in two parts and produced by the Imp Company, with Miss Dorothy Phillips playing the role of the wife, is an original play with some big tense situations in it.

In "Lights and Shadows" at the Bijou Wednesday.

In "Lola the Rat," at the Victoria Wednesday.

Margaret Joslin, the well known "Sophie Clutts" in the Western Essanay "Snakeville" comedies, is now the proud owner of a handsome machine given her by her husband, Harry Todd, for a birthday present.

Of course she allows her husband to use it, but when the two go for a spin, it is noticed that she is always at the wheel.

The clever woman is rapidly becoming adept at driving the car.

E. H. Calvert, who plays the leading role in "His Dearest Foes" a two-reel drama to be released in a short time by the Essanay, narrowly escaped injury while taking a scene for that production. Mr. Calvert falls from his horse, after being shot. A company of cavalrymen pass him while he lies unconscious in the road. He made a very realistic fall, but as the horses rushed by, one of them stepped squarely in the pit of his stomach. Mr. Calvert's athletic build prevented serious injury.

MARGUERITE CLAYTON NOW A FORTUNE TELLER

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Marguerite Clayton has a new diversion and one in which she is intensely interested. The pretty actress, who has gained world-wide prominence by her mannerisms on the screen while playing opposite G. M. Anderson, in the Western Essanay dramas, tells fortunes by teacups.

Heretofore she has been known to spend hours over books written by the best authors. Her artistic bungalow at Niles, Cal., is lined with them. A saddle horse is at her disposal and she loves tennis and the fishing rod, but of late all these things have been temporarily laid aside to seek new pleasures in the visions she says peer at her from the tea leaves.

Miss Clayton says the leaves curl in such ways that they really spell things for her. The friends whose fortunes she has told, declare that her visions are wonderfully accurate.

A Christmas gift that will serve as a pleasant reminder of Christmas all the year round. A gold pair of glasses fitted by Dr. Vineberg, the eye specialist, Masonic Temple. Come in and we will explain our plan. Eyes tested free. (Advertisement.)

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TWO MEN WERE GRIPPED IN A BLOODY COMBAT, WITH CERTAIN DEATH FACING THE ONE WHO LOST. ONE FOUGHT FOR A "WOMAN" WHO MUST BE BOUGHT WITH GOLD. THE OTHER FOR HIS OWN LITTLE CHILD. AND WHO WON? SEE IT ALL IN "THE MASTER KEY."

Coming WED. DEC. 23

MONDAY
"The Brand of His Tribe."
Two-Reel Bison Drama Featuring William Clifford and Marie Walcamp.
"OUT OF THE AIR"
Two-Reel Mutual Drama—One of the Most Thrilling of the Year.
"SAMMY'S VACATION"
Crystal Comedy Feature.
"THOSE LOVE PANGS"
Rousing Keystone Comedy.

TUESDAY
"THE COWARD"
Two-Reel Human Interest Drama, Full of Thrills.
"JAILBIRDS"
Thrilling Two-Reel Mutual Drama with William Garwood, Jack Richardson and Vivian Rich.
"OUR MUTUAL GIRL"
Chapter 39 in a Full Reel.
"THE BLIGHTED SPANIARD"
Big L-Ko Comedy Feature.

WEDNESDAY
"LIGHTS AND SHADOWS"
Exceptional Two-Reel Rex Drama with Pauline Bush and Lon Chaney.
"THE BADGE OF OFFICE"
Mutual Drama Starring Arthur Mackley
"THE BALANCE OF POWER"
Mutual Drama Featuring Boyd Marshall and Rene Farrington.
"CHARLIE WOOS VIVIAN"
Charlie DeForrest and Vivian Prescott Again.
"THE ANGLERS"
Rousing Keystone Comedy Feature.

THURSDAY
THE GIRL STAGE DRIVER
Eclair Two-Reel Drama of Western Life.
"THE END OF THE GALLERY"
Two-Reel Mutual Drama Featuring Richard Stanton and Gladys Brockwell.
"WINSOME WINNIE"
Another Big Mutual with Joseph Harris and Mary Scott.
"A WISE GUY"
Rousing Joker Comedy Number—Betty Schade and Ernest Shields.

FRIDAY
"THE MYSTERY OF THE SEA VIEW HOTEL"
Rex Two-Reeler—Detrice Drama with Ben Wilson and Florence Nelson.
"THE SANDS OF FATE"
Big Two-Reel Mutual Drama with Dorothy Gish in the Lead.
"WHEN LIZZIE GOT HER POLISH"
Nestor Comedy with Victoria Forde and Eddie Lyons.
"HIGH SPOTS ON BROADWAY"
Rousing Keystone Comedy; Smashing!

SATURDAY
MARY FULLER IN "A LONELY SALVATION"
Third of These Big Victor Two-Reel Features with Popular Mary Fuller.
"JIMMY"
A Strong Human Interest Drama in Two Reels, with Mildred Harris and Cyril Gottlieb.
"AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE"
Nestor Drama with Murdock MacQuarrie and Agnes Vernon.
"PAPA BUYS A BALE"
Victory Comedy—Right Up to Date.
"THE MILLION DOLLAR BRIDE"
Side-Splitting Mutual Farce Comedy.

The Million Dollar Mystery

By HAROLD MAC GRATH

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CHAPTER XI.

When Jones received the telegram that Florence was safe, the iron nerve of the man broke down. The suspense had been so keenly terrible that the sudden reaction left him almost hysterically weak. Three weeks of waiting, waiting. Not even the scoundrel and his wife who had been the principal actors in the abduction had been found. From a great ship in midocean they had disappeared. Doubtless they had hidden among the immigrants, who, for little money, would have fooled all the officers on board. There was no doubt in Jones' mind that the pair had landed safely at Madrid.

As for Susan, she did have hysterics. She went about the room, wailing and laughing and wringing her hands. You would have thought by her actions that Florence had just died. The sight of her stirred the saturnine lips of the butler into a smile. But he did not remonstrate with her. In fact, he rather envied her freedom in emotion. Man cannot let go in that fashion; it is a sign of weakness; and he dared not let even Susan see any sign of weakness in him.

So the reporter had found her, and she was safe and sound and on her way to New York? Knowing by this time something of the reporter's courage, he was eager to learn how the event had come about. When he had not had a telephone message from Norton in 48 hours, he had decided that the Black Hundred had finally succeeded in getting hold of him. It had been something of a blow; for while he looked with disfavor upon the reporter's frank regard for his charge, he appreciated the fact that Norton was a staff to lean on, and had behind him all the power of the press, which included the privilege of going everywhere even if one could not always get back.

As he folded the telegram and put it into his pocket, he observed the man with the opera glasses over the way. He shrugged. Well, let him watch till his eyes dropped out of his head; he would see only that which was intended for his eyes. Still, it was irksome to feel that no matter when or where you moved, watching eyes observed and chronicled these movements.

Suddenly, not being devoid of a sense of dry humor, Jones stepped over to the telephone and called up her highness the Princess Perigoff.

"Who is it?"

He was forced to admit, however reluctantly, that the woman had a marvelously fine speaking voice.

"It is Jones, madam."

"Jones?"

"Mr. Hargreave's butler, madam."

"O! You have news of Florence?"

"Yes." It will be an embarrassing day for humanity when some one invents a photographic apparatus by which two persons at the two ends of the telephone may observe the facial expressions of each other.

"What is it? Tell me quickly."

"Florence has been found, and she is on her way back to New York. She was found by Mr. Norton, the reporter."

"I am so glad! Shall I come up at once and have you tell me the whole amazing story?"

"It would be useless, madam, for I know nothing except what I learned

Surrounded by Strange and Ominous Faces.

from a telegram I have just received. But no doubt some time this evening you might risk a call."

"Ring up the instant she returns. Did she say what train?"

"No, madam," lied Jones, smiling.

He hung up the receiver and stared at the telephone as if he would force his gaze in and through it to the woman at the other end. Flesh and blood! Well, greed was stronger than that. Treacherous cat! Let her play; let her weave her nets, dig her pits. The day would come, and it was not far distant, when she would find that the mild eyed mongoose was just as deadly as the cobra, and far more cunning.

The heads of the Black Hundred must be destroyed. Those were the orders. What good to denounce them, to send them to a prison from which, with the aid of money and a tremendous secret political pull, they might readily find their way out? They must be exterminated, as one kills off the poisonous plague rats of the Orient. A woman? In the law of reprisal there was no sex.

Shortly after the telephone episode (which rather puzzled the princess) she received a wire from Braine, which announced the fact that Florence and five had escaped and were coming to New York on train No. 25, and advised her to meet the train en route. She had to fly about to do it.

When Captain Bannock released Braine, he had been in no enviable frame of mind. Tricked, fooled by the girl, whose mind was as unclouded as his own! She had succeeded in bribing

Fell Into an Ambush.

a coal stoker, and had taken him unawares. The man had donned the disguise he had laid out for shore approach, and the blockhead Bannock had never suspected. He had not recognized Norton at all. It was only when Bannock explained the history of the shanghaied stoker that he realized his real danger. Norton! He must be pushed off the board. After this episode he could no longer keep up the pretense of being friendly. Norton, by a rare stroke of luck, had forced him out into the open. So be it. Self-preservation is in no wise looked upon as criminal. The law may have its ideas about it, but the individual recognizes no law but its own. It was Braine whom he loved and admired, or Norton whom he hated as a dog with rabies hates water. With Norton free, he would never again dare return to New York openly. This meddling reporter aimed at his ease and elegance.

He left the freighter as soon as a boat could carry him ashore. The fugitives would make directly for the railroad, and thither he went at top speed, to arrive ten minutes too late.

"Free!" said Florence, as the train began to increase its speed.

Norton reached over and patted her hand. Then he sat back with a sudden shock of dismay. He dived a hand into a pocket, into another and another. The price of the telegram he had sent to Jones was all he had had in the world; and he had borrowed that from a friendly stoker. In the excitement he had forgotten all about such a contingency as the absolute need of money.

"Florence, I'm afraid we're going to have trouble with the conductor when he comes."

"Why?"

He pulled out his pockets suggestively. "Not a postage stamp. They'll put us off at the next station. And," with a glance in the little mirror between the two windows, "I shouldn't blame them a bit." He was unshaven, he was wearing the suit substituted for his own; and Florence, sartorially, was not much better off.

She smiled, blushed, stood up, and turned her back to him. Then she sat down again. In her hand she held a small but undoubted roll of banknotes.

"I had them with me when they abducted me," she said. "Besides, this ring is worth something."

"Thank the Lord!" he exclaimed, relievedly.

So there was nothing more to do but be happy; and happy they were. They were quite oblivious to the peculiar interest they aroused among the other passengers. This unshaven young man, in his ragged coat and soiled jersey; this beautiful young girl, in a wrinkled homespun, her glorious blonde hairy awry; and the way they looked at each other during those lulls in conversation peculiar to lovers the world over, impressed the other passengers with the idea that something very unusual had happened to these two.

The Pullman conductor was not especially polite; but money was money, and the stockholders, waiting for their dividends, made it impossible for him to reject it. The regular conductor paid them no more attention than to grumble over changing a $20 bill.

So, while these two were hurrying on to New York, the plotters were hurrying east to meet them. The two trains met and stopped at the same station about eighty miles from New York. The princess, accompanied by Vroon, who kept well in the background, entered the car occupied by the two castaways.

In the mirror at the rear of the car Norton happened to cast an idle glance, and he saw the princess. Vroon, however, escaped his eye.

"Be careful, Florence," he said. "The princess is in the car. The game begins again. Pretend that you suspect nothing. Pretty quick work on their part. And that's all the more reason why we should play the comedy well. Here she comes. She will recognize you, throw her arms around you, and show all manner of effusiveness. Just keep your head and play the game."

"She lied about you to me."

"No matter."

"O!" cried the princess. She seized Florence in a wild embrace. She was an inimitable actress, and Norton could not help admiring her. "Your butler telephoned me! I ran to the first train out. And here you are, back safe and sound! It is wonderful. Tell me all about it. What an adventure! And, good heavens, Mr. Norton, where did you get those clothes? Did you find her and rescue her? What a newspaper story you'll be able to make out of it all! Now, tell me just what happened." She sat down on the arm of Florence's chair. The girl had steeled her nerves against the touch of her. And yet she was beautiful! How could any one so beautiful be wicked?

"Well, it began like this," said Florence; and she described her adventures, omitting, to be sure, Braine's part in it.

She had reached that part where they had been rescued by Captain Bannock when a thundering, grinding crash struck the words from her lips. The three of them were flung violently to one side of the car amid splintering wood, tinkling glass, and the shriek of steel against steel. A low wail of horror rose and died away as the car careened over on its side. The three were rendered unconscious and were huddled together on the floor, under the uprooted chairs.

Vroon had escaped with only a slight cut on the hand from flying glass. He climbed over the chairs and passengers with a single object in view. He saw that all three he was interested in were insensible. He quickly examined them and saw that they had not received serious injuries. He had but little time. The princess and Norton would have to take their chance with the other passengers. Resolutely he stooped and lifted Florence in his arms and crawled out of the car with her. It was a difficult task, but he managed it. Outside, in the confusion, no one paid any attention to him. So he threw the unconscious girl over his shoulder and staggered on toward the road.

It was fortunate that the accident had occurred where it did. Five miles beyond was the station marked for the arrest of Norton as an abductor and the taking in charge of Florence as a rebellious girl who had run away from her parents. If he could reach the Swede's hut, where his confederates were in waiting, the game was his.

After struggling along for half an hour a carriage was spied by Vroon, and he hailed it when it reached his side.

"What's the trouble, mister?" asked the farmer.

"A wreck on the railroad. My daughter is badly hurt. I must take her to the nearest village. How far is it?"

"About three miles."

"I'll give you twenty dollars for the use of that rig of yours."

"Can't do it mister."

"But it's a case of humanity, sir!" indignantly. "You are refusing to aid the unfortunate."

The farmer thought it over for a moment. "All right. You can have the buggy for twenty dollars. When you get to the village take the nag to Doc Sanders' livery. He'll know what to do."

"Thank you. Help me in with her."

Vroon drove away without the least intention of going toward the village. As a result, when Florence came to her senses she found herself surrounded by strange and ominous faces. At first she thought that they had taken her from the wreck out of kindness; but when she saw the cold, impassive face of the man Vroon she closed her eyes and lay back in the chair. Well, ill and weak as she was, they should find that she was not without a certain strength.

In the meatime Norton revived and looked about in vain for Florence. He searched among the crowd of terrified passengers, the hurt and the unharmed, but she was not to be found. He ran back to the princess and helped her out of the broken car.

"Where is Florence?" she asked dazedly.

"God knows! Here, come over and sit down by the fence till I see if there is a field telegraph."

They had already erected one, and his message went off with a batch of others. This time he was determined not to trust to chance. The shock may have brought back Florence's recent mental disorder, and she may have wandered off without knowing what she was doing. On the other hand, she may have been carried off. And against such a contingency he must be fortified. Money! The curse of God was upon it; it was the trail of the serpent, spreading poison in its wake.

By and by the princess was able to walk; and, supporting her, he led her to the road, along which they walked slowly for at least an hour. They might very well have waited for the relief train. But he could not stand the thought of inactivity. The princess had her choice of staying behind or going with him. He hated the woman, but he could not refuse her aid. She had a cut on the side of her head, and she limped besides.

They stopped at the first farmhouse, explained what had happened, and the mistress urged them to enter. She, she had seen no one, and certainly not a young woman. She must have wandered off in another direction. She ran into the kitchen for a basin and towel and proceeded to patch the princess' hurts.

She was extremely uneasy. That she should be under obligation to Norton galled her. There was a spark of conscience left in her soul. She had tried to destroy him, and he had been kind to her. Was he a fool or was he deep, playing a game as shrewd as her own? She could not tell. Where was Vroon? Had he carried Florence off?

An hour later a man came in.

"Hullo! More folks from the wreck?"

"Where's the horse and buggy, Jake?" his wife asked.

"Rented it to a man whose daughter was hurt. He went to the village."

"Will you describe the daughter?" asked Norton.

The princess twisted her fingers.

The farmer rudely described Florence.

"Have you another horse and a saddle?"

"What's your hurry?"

"I'll tell you later. What I want now is the horse."

"What is to become of me?" asked the princess.

"You will be in good hands," he answered briefly. "I am going to find

"They Tied Him to the Track."

out what has become of Florence. Is there a deserted farm-house hereabouts?" he asked of the farmer.

"Not that I recollect."

"Why yes, there is, Jake. There's that old hut about two miles up the fork," volunteered the wife. "Where the Swede died last winter."

"By jingo! I'm going into the village and see if that man brought in the rig."

"But get my horse first. My name is James Norton, and I am on the Star in New York. Which way do I go?"

"First turn to the left. Come on; I'll get the horse for you."

Once the horse was saddled, Norton set off at a run. He was unarmed; he forgot all about this fact. His one thought was to find the woman he loved. He was not afraid of meeting a dozen men, not while his present fury lasted.

And he fell into an ambush within a hundred yards of his goal. They dragged him off the horse and buffeted and mishandled him into the hut.

"Both of them!" said Vroon, rubbing his hands.

"I know you, you Russian rat!" cried Norton. "And if I ever get out of this I'll kill you out of hand! Damn you!"

"O, yes; talk, talk; but it never hurts any one," jeered Vroon. "You'll never have the chance to kill me out of hand, as you say. Besides, do you know my face?"

"I do. The mask doesn't matter. You're the man who had me shanghaied. The voice is enough."

"Be Silent, You Scum."

"Very good. That's what I wished to know. That's your death warrant. We'll do it like they used to do it at the old Academy; tie you to the railroad track. We shall not hurt you at all. If some engine runs over you heaven is witness we did not guide the engine. Remember the story of the boy and the cat?" with sinister amiability. "The boy said he wasn't pulling the cat's tail, he was only holding it; the cat did the pulling. Bring him along men. Time is precious, and we have a good deal to do before night settles down. Come on with him. The track is only a short distance."

"Jim, Jim!" cried Florence in anguish.

"Never you mind, girl; they're only bluffing. They won't dare."

"You think so?" said Vroon. "Wait and see." He turned upon Florence. "He is your lover. Do you wish him to die?"

"No, no!"

"We promise to give him his freedom twelve hours from now on condition that you tell where that money is."

"Florence!" warned Norton.

Vroon struck him on the mouth. "Be silent, you scum!"

"It is in the chest Jones, the butler, threw into the sound," she said bravely. And so it might be, for all she knew.

Vroon laughed. "We know about where that is."

"Florence, say nothing on my account. They are not the kind of men who keep their word."

"Eh?" snarled Vroon. "We'll see about that." He glanced at his watch. "In half an hour the freight comes along. It may become stalled at the wreck. But it will serve."

Norton knew very well that if need said must they would not hesitate to execute a melodramatic plan of this character. It was the way of the Slav; they had to make crime abnormal in order to enjoy it. They could very well have knocked him on the head then and there and have done with him. But the time used in conveying him to the railroad might prove his salvation. Nearly four hours had passed since the sending of the telegram to Jones.

They bound Florence and left her seated in the chair. As soon as they were gone she rolled to the floor. She was able to right herself to her knees, and after a torturous five minutes reached the fireplace. She burnt her hands and wrists, but the blaze was the only knife obtainable. She was free.

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Jones arrived with half a dozen policemen. Vroon alone escaped.

The butler caught Florence in his arms and nearly crushed the breath out of her. And she was so glad to see him that she kissed him half a dozen times. What if he was her father's butler? He was brave and loyal and kind.

"They tied him to the track," she cried. "Look at my wrists!" The butler did so, and kissed them tenderly. "And I saved him."

Jones stretched out a hand over Florence's shoulder. "When the time comes," he said; "when the right time comes and my master's enemies are confounded. But always the rooks, never the hawks, do we catch. God bless you Norton! I don't know what I should have done without you."

"When a chap's in love," began Norton, embarrassedly.

"I know, I know," interrupted Jones. "The second relief train is waiting. Let us hurry back. I shan't feel secure till we are once more in the house."

So, arm in arm, the three of them went down the tracks to the hand car which had brought the police.

And now for the iron bound chest at the bottom of the sea.

(Continued in Next Sunday's Star.)

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LAND OF THE WELL COUNTRY

Chasing the Cure as Related by "A Lunger", Formerly of North Carolina—New Mexico and Its Climate.

A former North Carolinian, now residing for his health in New Mexico, has written most interestingly for a Florida newspaper some of his observations as to tuberculosis and of the climate in "The land of the well country," from which he writes as follows:

"Next to a death sentence, a diagnosis of tuberculosis inspires one with the most hopeless feeling that can be imagined, and when my physician told me that beyond any question, I had pulmonary tuberculosis, I felt that the end of the world had come for me. I did not know then that, although "T. B." is responsible for more than one-tenth of all deaths in the United States, yet, with proper sanitorium conditions and treatment, more than 80 per cent of the incipient cases, more than 50 per cent of the moderately advanced cases, and 12 per cent of the far advanced cases, are cured. The term "cured" is used relatively, for it is an open question whether a consumptive is ever really cured; they are liable to break down at some future time, although many do not.

This knowledge would have relieved me of some of the terror I felt.

The greatest trouble in getting treatment while the disease is still incipient, is in having the proper diagnosis made while the disease is in its first stages. Less than two months before I was told what was my real trouble, I was assured by two physicians that my lungs were sound, and that I had only some bronchial trouble. When I arrived at a sanitorium I found that I had had tuberculosis for a year or more; that both lungs were involved, and my case was moderately advanced.

It is no reflection on the average doctor that he does not recognize tuberculosis in its earlier stages. The first symptoms usually are loss in weight and strength, an unaccountable weariness, accompanied sometimes by temperature and night sweats and sometimes a cough. These symptoms are often produced by other diseases, and a physician hesitates to diagnose them as tuberculosis. The more definite symptoms, a dry hacking cough, daily temperature, and, most certain of all, the presence of tubercle bacilli in the sputum, come later, and usually when the disease has passed beyond the incipient stage.

I have been told that any cough or cold that does not soon yield to simple remedies should be regarded with suspicion; therefore, it is important that any person with these premonitory symptoms should seek medical advice, and insist on the proper test for tuberculosis, particularly the bacteriological test of the sputum. Several tests should be made of this, for I have known patients in the sanitarium to get a number of negative tests before the bacilli were discovered.

My physician recommended a change of altitude and climate, and I went to the mountains of western North Carolina.

The principal factors in making a cure of tuberculosis are rest, fresh air, and plenty of nourishing food. These can be obtained almost anywhere, but it is safe bet that a person will not take "rest" as they should at home. At a sanitorium rest means no exercise for advanced cases, and a patient is required to stay in bed most of the time. For this reason a sanitorium is the only proper place for a T. B. until he has learned how to live, and is on the high road to recovery. Even then it is best to stay until the disease is arrested and cure made.

After two years' experience, I am convinced that altitude and climate are of secondary importance. While they undoubtedly benefit many, for a time at least, they do not benefit others. The result of my change to the mountains from a low altitude was some improvement during the summer months, but I lost it when cold weather came on. This is the opposite experience of most cases, as cold weather is considered beneficial. I decided to try a drier climate, and came to the high plateau in New Mexico, in February. Immediate improvement was manifested, and my hopes were exalted to the highest degree. But after a couple of months my condition changed, and I began to lose ground. As a last resort, the doctors began to compress my worst lung by introducing nitrogen gas into the pleural cavity. At the present time my decline has been checked, and I am encouraged to hope for a cure in another year.

Sanitarium treatment is expensive, and costs from $100 to $200 per month. $150 is a fair average, and unless a person is able financially to meet this expense, he had better stay at home.

A great many people go to health resorts, and "chase the cure" in boarding houses or rented houses, but this plan has many disadvantages. I would prefer home treatment, under proper conditions. Sleeping in the open air, as well as being in it during daylight, is most essential and every T. B. should arrange for a sleeping porch, with a free circulation of air on all sides. One soon gets accustomed to sleeping in the coldest air. Nourishment is necessary, but the old idea of forcing a lot of rich foods is not so much in favor now. Some patients may consume a dozen eggs and several pounds of beef daily and get away with it, but it is better to eat only as much as the system will assimilate.

From the foregoing, one easily sees that 'getting well" is an uncertain proposition. I have seen patients come out to this Mexico country, apparently in an advanced stage of T. B., who began to improve at once, and in a few months were discharged as cured. Others, who were apparently incipient, took the opposite path, and never seemed to rally, until death released them. Others have reached a point where they have remained in the same condition for ten years or more. Each case seems to be different, and requires individual treatment.

There are many different remedies, and of these tuberculein, which is prepared from the tubercle bacilli, is most largely used. In some cases it produces remarkable results, while with others it has no apparent effect. Tuberculosis usually causes anemia, and for this iron is given hypodermically. No remedies seem to have any direct effect on the germs and it is only to aid the body in its fight to destroy them these remedies are given. The tubercle bacillus is a minute vegetable germ that has so far defied every effort of medical science to find anything that will destroy it, without destroying life as well. Under the microscope it looks like a small bit of fine thread an eighth of an inch long, yet it requires six to eight thousand to make an inch in length, and fifty thousand to make an inch in thickness.

There are tuberculosis sanitoriums in nearly all parts of the United States, which have been established by cities, counties and States. In New Mexico the United States Government has three tuberculosis sanitoriums for the cure of patients from the Army and Navy. Fraternal orders and philanthropic citizens have built and are building others. In nearly all of these, as well as in the private sanitoriums, some charge is made and therefore large numbers of consumptives are barred from any treatment, by lack of finances. This is not right, for a person with T. B., is just as dangerous as any one with a contagious or epidemic disease. The time will come when the State and National governments will realize their responsibility and provide means to give every T. B. who cannot afford to pay for it free, or partially free, treatment in a sanitorium.

The southern part of New Mexico is semi-arid, and has little rain for the greater part of the year. There are few running streams, and the arroyos have water in them for only a few hours after heavy rains. Consequently, there is little vegetation, and the earth is parched and dry. During the few months of the rainy season a good crop of grass is produced. This cures on the ground and furnishes food for the stock until another rainy season. Mining is the principal industry, chiefly copper, silver and gold. Transportation is difficult, and very expensive. The Mogollon Gold Mines, the richest in the State, haul everything by stage or motor trucks 90 miles. Some ore taken from a mine near Silver City recently ran $200,000.00 to the ton.

Cattle and sheep raising is next in importance, and owing to the high prices for the past few years, the stock men are very prosperous.

The altitude at this point is 6,000 feet, and we are surrounded by two ranges of the Rocky Mountains. The air is dry and invigorating, and if fresh air alone could do it, we would soon get well. I expect to do it in time, anyway.

One of the largest states in the Union, New Mexico is still one of the smallest in population. Her people are energetic and progressive, however, and the state is rapidly growing in wealth and population. It is called the "land of the well country," and it is claimed that a case of tuberculosis among the native population is rare. Besides, thousands who have got well, have made their homes here, not deeming it safe to return to their former homes.

Perhaps I may have to do the same. Quien Sabe?

MEN'S MASS MEETING

Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton Will Be Speaker This Afternoon.

Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Milton, rector of St. James' Episcopal church, will be the speaker at the Y. M. C. A. men's mass meeting this afternoon at 4:45 o'clock. His subject will be "The Epitaph of a Successful Life." Dr. Milton is a forceful speaker and a deep thinker and his address will be heard with the greatest interest by the men of the city. The public is cordially invited to attend.

A feature of the service will be a solo by Mrs. W. C. Robertson, who possesses a sweet soprano voice of exceptional excellence. Mr. Robertson will be accompanist.

"The Master Key," Dec. 23.
(Advertisement.)

IF YOU WERE ARCHIE

To Everoy Boy.

(By Ida Clyde Clarke.)

Archie was an average American boy. He went to school, enjoyed tops, kites, marbles, balls and other things that other boys like. In vacation days he worked when he could "a job" to help his widowed mother. When he was in the second year of the high school he got sick. Several physicians having failed to find out just what was the matter with him, an interested friend one day took him to see a celebrated physician. This physician made the startling discovery that Archie had leprosy, the most loathsome, the most malignant, the most hopeless of all diseases.

The laws of the State in which he lived were very rigid regarding leprosy and so, without a goodbye to his devoted mother and to his friends, Archie was rushed off to a lonely place called "Leprosarium," provided by the State for such cases. Here he will have to live the rest of his life, shut out from family and friends and the big throbbing world in which he is so much interested. It was doubtless very lonely indeed for Archie, especially at first, and he watched the big ships sail by and longed to have somebody to talk to.

A few months after Archie was sent to this desolate place a friend from "The Mission to Lepers" went to see him. After they had talked a while the little fellow said, "The hardest of all is not to be able to write to the boys back home. I guess their mothers wouldn't want them to be getting letters from lepers. But I wish I could tell them about my wireless station."

Imagine the surprise of the visitor when he discovered that Archie during his solitary confinement, had constructed a first rate wireless telegraph station. Of course when the visitor went home he saw to it that Archie had what he needed to make the station more complete, and so well did his station work that he was one of the first wireless operators in the world to pick up news of the great Titanic disaster. The wireless operators on the passing ships have become greatly interested in Archie and always signal to him as they pass.

The other day the friend went to see Archie again. He found him eagerly watching for the baseball score, war news or any other news from the outside world that he could catch through his little instrument. When the visitor asked if there was anything he needed, Archie said, "No, I have everything I need." And he hesitated and stammered a little, and then added, "Would it be too much trouble for you to send me an occasional copy of one of the big magazines?" It seems a pity that the new law about amateurs makes his wireless station ineffective just at present.

Now if every boy in America who hears this story will send Archie a post card with a cheering message, Christmas would be happy indeed for this bright but lonely boy in his solitary prison.

If you were Archie wouldn't you just love to have bright beautiful pictures and cheery little messages from other boys out in the great big world? Send Post card shower" for Archie. His address is ARCHIE THOMAS, Penikese Hospital, Penikese Island, New Bedford, Mass.

WARSAW FINDS BETTER WAY TO GET TAXES COLLECTED

L. A. Beasley Elected County Attorney for Duplin—Tobacco Sales

(Special Star Correspondence)

Warsaw N. C., Dec. 12—The board of town commissioners here have inaugurated a change in the collection of taxes that is expected to prove more satisfactory than any that has yet been tried, and are paying the debts that the town owes, and making many improvements in the streets.

The old plan of paying 5 per cent for the collection of the eaxes has been superceded by the plan of paying 10 per cent, and holding J. A. Powell, who has accepted the job of collecting, strictly responsible for the amount which is shown on the books when they are turned over to him, and only accepting the very best of reasons for the nonpayments.

The collectors who have previously had the position did not have the job under the latter agreement, and more or less dissatisfaction has existed under their management and owing to the fact that about one third of the taxes have been left uncollected, the town has been in debt, and but very little work has been done on the streets.

About $400 still remains unpaid on the tax books from previous years, and this amount together with $1200 or $1300 yearly tax is to be collected by Mr. Powell,

At a meeting of the county commissioners, L. A. Beasley was elected county attorney, succeeding H. D. Williams who was not a candidate for re-election. Mr. Beasley is a lowyer of wide experience, and the people feel that he is very capable of looking after the interest of the county.

About $30,000 was paid here this week for tobacco. Approximately 200,000 pounds of the leaf was sold at an average of between 14 cents and 15 cents a pound.

WAR DISPERSING THE BIRDS.

Effect on Game in Future a Problem for French Sportsmen.

(Paris Cable to New York Sun.)

The feathered tribe of Belgium and Northern France has been dispersed by the din of war. In all the districts of the Marne it was noticed after the battle that the birds had disappeared. The Argonne forests also have been nearly depopulated of all kinds of game by the continual turmoil in those regions. Driven to detached woods and thickets, where their dangers would have been increased in time of peace, they now find security.

Apart from their enforced exile, birds are not the least fortunate of beings in these times, game shooting being prohibited in France. When the markets furnished evidence that some poaching was going on, the minister of war issued a warning that the sale of no other than imported refrigerator game would be tolerated. Early in the war soldiers supplemented their rations by taking a hare or a pheasant here and there, but this was stopped by order.

Scarcity of game in the market is no hardship, for it is a small part of the alimentation of Paris. The arrivals amount annually to only 1,000 tons of native and 450 tons of imported game, while the arrivals of domestic poultry alone aggregate 21,000 tons. Belgium sends 50,000 larks to Paris each season, while the game importations from countries are: Austria, 2,500 deer, 80,000 partridges, 50,000 hares: Italy, 25,000 quail; Australia 100,000 rabbits, 20,000 hares and 50,000 larks; England 40,000 pheasants and 3,000 partridges. An effort is being made to substitute the Russian reindeer for Austrian deer.

No doubt considerable game that did not get away from the continually beaten war zone has been destroyed, and the sportsmen who have shooting preserves in those parts of the country are pessimistic as to the future; they think it will require several years to re-populate those regions. On the other hand, the prohibition of one season's shooting in the territory not affected by hostilities, it is thought, will result in immense benefit to game in general, and that next year and for many years to come all kinds of game will be more plentiful than ever before.

SOME MIRACULOUS ESCAPES.

Men on Battlefields Who Seemed to Possess More Than "Nine Lives."

(New York Press.)

There is a story told of an old veteran of the First Napoleon who lived until 1865 in the French village of Savary, and who had a wooden leg, a wooden arm, a complete set of false teeth, and a silver plate on the top of his head, and yet died peacefully in his bed. Compared with such men the proverbial nine-lived cat is nowhere. As one reads the stories of great wars of the past, the manner in which famous generals have played touch and go with death is little short of miraculous.

The wonderful escapes of Napoleon and Wellington were proverbial.

Though bullets grazed them and riddled their clothes, and both had horses shot under them, yet both passed through a life of battle and danger with two or three slight wounds apiece.

Marshal Ney, the bravest of the brave, was continuously fighting for 38 years, yet he escaped with only a few slight wounds to meet a traitor's doom at the hands of the bourbon king. He headed countless charges, had five horses shot under him in a single battle, eagerly courted death when leading the Old Guard at Waterloo, and yet was never seriously wounded.

Few cases are more remarkable, however, than that of Gen. Skenzynehi, who got thirty bullets through his cloak during the battle of Ostrolenka, in the Polish insurrection in 1831; or Sir D. Lacy Evans, whose ear was perforated by a bullet during the Carlist war of 1837. Garibaldi, too, had many narrow shaves, but none closer than when resting one day at Volturno. While drinking from a pail of water a splinter from a ricochet shell grazed his thigh and killed some people near.

NEGRO WORKS TRICK.

Gets Another's Tobacco Check for $100 and Gets Cash.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 12.—The often used trick of getting another person's tobacco check, and making a quick forgery of the endorsement and getting it cashed at the bank on yesterday worked successfully for the first time this season in this city, and the police are looking for a middle aged negro who signed the name of J. W. Whitley to a check from Lea's Warehouse and received $105.70 from the Bank of Rocky Mount. While it appears that there is a veritable gang of thieves that have been successful with this trick over the markets of Eastern Carolina, the local police have little reason to think the party here yesterday has any connection whatever with them.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON MARKET IS STEADIER

Prices Rallied on Coverings, Liverpool and Wall Street Buyings—Closed Steady at Advance.

New York, Dec. 12.—Cotton was steadier today. The selling which followed the publication of the government's appeared to have run its course on the decline to about 7 1-4c for May contracts yesterday and prices rallied several points today on coverings. Liverpool and Wall Street buying, with the close steady at a net advance of 9 to 12 points. The market opened steady at an advance of 1 to 2 points. Trading was quiet, but the absence of Southern hedge selling, and the steady ruling of the stock market at the reopening this morning made a favorable impression and demand became more active during the later trading. Last prices were practically the best of the day with May selling about 12 points above yesterday's low level. For the first time since the beginning of the season the amount of cotton reported on shipboard awaiting clearance at the close of the week was in excess of last year, and advices received from Galveston indicate that no less than 64 steamers are scheduled to sail from that port during December and January with cotton or part cotton cargoes. This was taken as pointing to a further improvement in the export movement which for the past two or three weeks has been running very near the season's normal.

Notices on new style January contracts will be issued December 28 and differences fixed December 24 while December 31 will be the first notice day for old-style January and the differences applying to old style deliveries will be fixed on December 30.

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands, 7.30; Gulf 7.55. No sales.

Cotton futures closed very steady.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan	6:88	6:98	....	6:98
Mar	7:10	7:20	7:10	7:19
May	7:29	7:37	7:28	7:36
July	7:42	7:52	7:43	7:51
Oct	7:72	7:81	7:72	7:80

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans — Middling, 7; receipts, 11,858; exports, 8,402; sales, 515; stock, 284,621.

Galveston—7¼; receipts, 25,288; exports, 39,733; sales, 950; stock, 382,202.

Mobile—Middling, 6 13-16; receipts, 1,905; sales, 175; stock, 41,555.

Savannah — Middling, 6⅞; receipts, 14,066; sales, 4,352; stock, 244,005.

Charleston—Middling, 6¾; receipts, 3,152; stock, 109,769.

Wilmington—Middling, 6¾; receipts, 1,078; stock, 42,576.

Norfolk—Middling, 6¾; receipts, 3,760; sales, 1,689; stock, 66,144.

Baltimore—Middling, 7¼; stock, 6,508.

Boston—Middling, 7.35; receipts, 149; stock, 5,700.

Philadelphia — Middling, 7.55; receipts, 87; exports, 300; stock, 4,930.

New York—Middling, 7.30; exports, 13,718; stock, 70,014.

Minor Ports—Receipts, 1,439; stock, 46,371.

Total today—Receipts, 62,780; exports, 62,153; stock, 1,305,695.

Total for week—Receipts, 62,780; exports, 62,153.

Total for season—Receipts, 3,541,490; exports, 1,802,831.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 20,017; shipments, 20,419; sales, 6,072; stock, 158,184.

Memphis—Middling, 7; receipts, 4,348; shipments, 2,252; sales, 750; stock, 257,968.

Augusta—Middling, 6¾; receipts, 2,488; shipments, 3,150; sales, 1,780; stock, 156,194.

St. Louis—Middling, 7¼; receipts, 5,727; shipments, 8,227; stock, 33,757.

Cincinnati — Receipts, 1,148; shipments, 664; stock, 45,159.

Little Rock—Middling, 6¾; receipts, 1,572; shipments, 1,841; stock, 52,246.

Dallas—Middling, 6 9-16; sales, 10,309.

Total today—Receipts, 35,300; shipments, 36,553; stock, 662,608.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 12. — Cotton, spot, dull; prices irregular. American middling fair, 5.11; good middling, 4.49; middling, 4.35; low middling, 3.78; good ordinary, 3.16; ordinary, 2.71.

Sales, 4,000 bales, including 3,300 American and 500 for speculation and export. Receipts, 19,779 bales; all American. Futures closed quiet. May and June, 4.03; July-August, 4.09; October-November, 4.19½; January-February, 4.25½.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 12.—The cotton seed oil market was nervous, with small price changes, but values were a little lower in the face of firmness in crude, closing net unchanged to 4 points decline.

The market closed steady. Spot, 5.80@5.95; December, 5.80@5.82; January, 5.87@5.89; February, 5.98@6.00; March, 6.08@6.09; April, 6.16@6.19; May, 6.28@6.30; June, 6.38@6.39; July, 6.49@6.51. Total sales, 7,900.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 12. — Hogs—Lower. Bulk, 6.80@7.10; lights, 6.50@7.05; mixed, 6.65@7.15; heavy, 6.60@7.15; rough, 6.60@6.75; pigs, 6.00@7.15.

Cattle—Weak. Native steers, 5.70@11.00; Western, 5.25@8.40; cows and heifers, 3.25@8.50; calves, 6.50@9.25.

Sheep — Weak. Sheep, 5.25@6.50; yearlings, 6.50@7.65; lambs, 6.50@8.40.

NAVAL STORES MARKET.

Savannah, Dec. 12.—Turpentine closed firm, at 43¾; sales, 107; receipts, 269; shipments, 32; stocks, 32,896.

Rosin closed firm. Sales, 26; receipts, 1,387; shipments, 3,50; stock, 135,30. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F, 3.32½; G, 3.35; H, 3.40; I, 3.55; K, 4.05; M, 4.60; N, 5.25; W G, 5.60; W W, 5.80.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, December 12.—Mercantile paper, 4¼@4½. Sterling exchange, steady. Sixty day bills, 4.8450; for cables, 4.8825; for demand, 4.8750. Bar silver, 49⅞. Mexican dollars, 38¼. Government bonds, steady. Railroad bonds, firm.

"The Master Key," Dec. 23. (Advertisement.)

FEDERAL BANK STATEMENT

Little Changes Made During Past Week in Resources or Liabilities—The Figures.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The consolidated statement of the twelve Federal Reserve banks, made public today, shows slight changes during the past week, in resources or liabilities.

The statement follows:

Resources: Gold coin and certificates, $232,273,000.

Legal tender notes, silver certificates and subsidiary coin, $28,170,000.

Total, $260,243,000.

Bills discounted and olans:

Maturities within thirty days, $6,466,000.

Maturities within sixty days, $1,960,000.

Other, $1,831,000.

Total, $10,257,000.

All other resources, $1,976,000.

Total resources, $272,476,000.

Liabilities:

Capital paid in, $18,047,000.

Reserve deposits, $250,937,000.

Federal Reserve notes in circulation (net amount), $3,492,000.

Total liabilities, $272,476,000.

Gold reserve against all liabilities, 91.6 per cent.

Cash reserve against all liabilities, 102.3 per cent.

The statement for the fifth and sixth districts shows the following:

Fifth District (Richmond):

Total cash, $8,489,000.

Gold, $8,407,000.

Loans and rediscounts, $748,000.

Deposits, $7,843,000.

Federal Reserve notes, $512,000.

Sixth District (Atlanta):

Total cash, $5,088,000.

Gold, $3,080,000.

Loans and rediscounts, $367,000.

Redeposits, $4,855,000.

Federal reserve notes, $125,000.

RECORD BREAKING WHEAT SALES.

Gave a Decided Swing to Market in Chicago—Corn Gains.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Record breaking sales here for today gave a decided upward swing to wheat. The market after being up-grade from the outset, closed strong, 1⅝@1½ to 1⅞ above last night. Other leading staples too all made a net gain. Corn, ⅜@½ to ⅝. Oats, ½, and provisions, 2½ to 10 cents.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat — December, 1.18¼; May, 1.22⅛.

Corn—December, 63¼; May, 59⅝.

Oats—December, 47⅜; May, 51⅞.

Pork—January, 18.02; May, 18.50.

Lard—January, 9.75; May, 10.02.

Ribs—January, 9.77; May, 10.12½.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.16¾@1.18¾; No. 2, hard, 1.17@1.18½.

Corn—No. 2, yellow, new, 64.

Oats—Standard, 48¾@49.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Schr. Frank E. Swain, 348 tons, Haskell, Jersey City, C. D. Maffitt & Co.

Cleared.

Str. Cherokee, Bunnell, New York, C. J. Becker, agent.

Str. Matilda Weems, Hall, Baltimore, Baltimore-Carolina Steamship Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Alcana (Ital.), 2,246 tons, Ghiglione, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.) 2,259 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger) 2,872 tons, Linke, at Southport, Heide & Co.

Str. Regin (Nor.), 1,107 tons, Lykka, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Schr. Hope Sherwood, 522 tons, Colbreth, C. D. Maffitt & Co.

Schr. Granville R. Bacon, 339 tons, Bennett: C. D. Maffitt & Co.

Schr. Frank E. Swain, 348 tons, Haskell, C. D. Maffitt & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 12.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Steady, at 43c.

ROSIN—Steady; large, $3.15; small, $3.00.

TAR—Firm, $2.00 per barrel; per gallon, 8½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Firm, $3.25 per barrel for soft; $3.25 per barrel for virgin; $2.25 per barrel for hard.

Quotations same day last year — Spirits turpentine, steady, 41¾; rosin, firm, $3.45; tar, firm, $2.50-11; crude, firm, $3.00; $3.00; $2.00.

Receipts.

Spirits Turpentine	2
Rosin	36
Tar	177
Crude Turpentine	4

Receipts same day last year—Crude turpentine, 3 casks; rosin, 13 barrels; tar, 50 barrels; crude turpentine, 9 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market — Spot, middling, steady, at 6¾c; last year, nominal.

Receipts, 1,076 bales; same day last year, 2,280 bales.

Total receipts since September 1st, 69,452 bales.

Total receipts tot same day last year, 289,696 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

Wilmington, Dec. 12.

Atlantic Coast Line—926 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine; 4 barrels rosin; 125 barrels tar; 4 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—98 bales cotton; 52 barrels tar.

Clyde Line—52 barrels cotton.

Annie H.—1 cask spirits turpentine; 26 barrels.

Total — 1,076 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 30 barrels rosin; 177 barrels tar; 4 barrels crude turpentine.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., December 3.—Spanish—Farmer's stock—Market, steady, 81c per bu.

Virginias—Farmers' stock—Market, steady. Fancy Jumbo, 3½c. per lb. Fancy Hand-Picked, 3¼c. per lb. Extra Prime, 3c. to 3¼c. per lb. Shelling stock, 2¾c. to 2¾c. per lb.

STANDARD STOCKS ADVANCE

Reopening of New York Exchange for Limited Trading Boosts Prices. Some Sensational Rises.

New York, Dec. 12.—Limited dealings in stocks on the floor of the exchange were removed today after an enforced suspension of over four months.

Trading was on a moderate scale, most of the transactions being in lots of 100 to 300 shares, with numerous off lots for 25 to 50 shares. Inasmuch as all dealings were strictly for cash, except in those issues selling at or under $15, today's business represented a larger over turn in actual money than is indicated by the amount of stock bought and sold.

Official figures of the session were not obtainable, but stock sales aggregated about 114,000 shares, with bond sales (par value) approximating $1,000,000. Gains in active stocks over July 30 prices ranged form 3 points in Amalgamated Copper to 10 and 14 1-2 in Reading and Lehigh Valley respectively while some of the high priced specialties rose sensationally. General Motors was the feature of this group, with an advance of 27 1-8 points and Texas Company was next, gaining almost 22.

Advances of 5 to 13 points were made by Alaska Gold, American Beet Sugar, American Can common and preferred, Smelting, American Telephone, Atchison, Bethlehem Steel, Brooklyn Transit, Central Leather, St. Paul, Goodrich, International Harvester, National Biscuit, Pacific Telephone, Peoples' Gas, Tennessee Copper, United States Rubber and Western Union.

There were no notable declines except in Southern railway, the common and preferred losing 1 1-4 and 3 1-2, with minor recessions in a few other stocks of less importance. In a list of stocks furnished by the clearing house, Canadian Pacific and New York Central fractionally under yesterday, Union Pacific was up 1 3-4 and United States Steel was not quoted.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	52
American Can	25⅝
American Car and Foundry	43⅝
American Cotton Oil	36
American Smelting	56⅛
American Sugar	104¼
American Tel. and Tel	117⅛
American Tobacco	217½
Atchison	94
Canadian Pacific	bid 155¼
Central Leather	35⅝
Chesapeake and Ohio	41⅛
Chicago, Mil. and St. P	91
Erie	22⅛
General Electric	139¼
Great Northern, pfd	125
Interborough-Met., pfd	52½
Kansas City Southern	20⅝
Lehigh Valley	134
Louisville and Nashville	125
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	8⅜
Missouri Pacific	10½
New York Central	81
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	53½
Northern Pacific	101¼
Pennsylvania	108
Reading	148
Rep. Iron and Steel	18
Rock Island Co	17
Rock Island Co., pfd	2⅝
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	21⅝
Southern Pacific	83¼
Southern Railway	16
Southern Railway, pfd	64
Tennessee Copper	31
Texas Co	132½
Texas and Pacific	12⅜
Union Pacific	116½
Utah Copper	48½
Western Union	58½

CAROLINA COTTON MARKETS.

(Daily Quotations, by State Division of Marketing.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 12.—Cotton — Middling—Raleigh, 6¾; Fayetteville, 6½; Charlotte, 6¾; Norfolk, 6¾.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 13, 1914.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 32 degrees; at 8 P. M., 41 degrees; maximum, 46 degrees; minimum, 31 degrees; mean, 38 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month, to date, .48 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 5.2 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina — Increasing cloudiness, probably rain Sunday; Monday, clearing and colder.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 13, 1914.

Sun rises	7:09 A. M.
Sun sets	5:04 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 51 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	6:24	6:42	1:06	1:47
Southport	3:59	4:22	10:38	10:40
Masonboro Inl	3:48	4:11	10:18	10:20

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 12, 1914.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest today.	Temperature Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	cldy	44	34	.08
Asheville	cldy	40	22	.0
Atlanta	cldy	42	26	.0
Augusta	clear	46	26	.0
Birmingh.	cldy	46	26	.0
Boston	clear	98	26	.0
Charleston	clear	46	36	.0
Charlotte	pt cldy	44	28	.0
Chicago	cldy	30	20	.0
Galveston	rain	62	48	.22
Jacksonv.	pt cldy	52	32	.0
Memphis	snow	40	28	.01
Mobile	rain	50	36	.0
Montgomery	cldy	46	28	.0
New Orleans	rain	58	38	.42
New York	clear	36	30	.0
Oklahoma	cldy	36	26	.0
Palestine	rain	42	34	.30
Pittsburg	clear	30	24	.01
Raleigh	clear	44	28	.0
Savannah	cldy	48	32	.0
Shreveport	rain	40	32	.80
St. Louis	snow	32	22	.0
Washing'n pt	cldy	36	32	.02

FOODSTUFFS AND FEEDS.

(Wholesale Price Quotations of Saturday by Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

Flour—Fancy Patent, $6.25 to $6.50 (car lots).

Corn—Domestic, $1.00; Imported, 95c.

Meal—96 lb. bag, $1.95 to $2.00.

Oats—Mixed, 50c; whits, 65c. bu.

Hay—No. 1, Timothy, $24.00; No. 1, Mixed, $22.00 ton.

Middlings—$22.00 per ton.

D. S. Sides—From 12¼ to 12½.

Plates—From 11c. to 11½c.

Lard — From 7½ to 8c., according to quality.

Coffee—From 9 to 12c.

Rice—Broken, 3¾c. to 4c.; Japan, 4¾c to 5c. Fancy Hear, 5 1-4c. to 6c.

Sugar — Granulated — Basis 5½c; lower grades, usual difference.

Molasses — Black strap, 15c; mixed, 28c; Fancy Porto Rico, 40c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 12.—North Carolina Peanuts — Market, steady; new crop, fancy hand picked, 70c.; No. 1, machine picked, 65c. per bu.

Virginia Peanuts — New crop Jumboes, 65c.; fancy hand-picked, 60c.; No. 1, machine-picked, 50c. per bu.

Spanish Peanuts—New crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, 75c.; Jumboes, 65c. per bu. All receipts, heavier.

"The Master Key," Dec. 23. (Advertisement.)

WEEKLY DRY GOODS REVIEW.

Markets Are Now Undergoing Revision on Articles Sold by Jobbers.

New York, Dec. 12.—Cotton goods markets are now undergoing revision in the lines of branded articles sold through the jobbing trades, and more business is being placed as a consequence of the lower prices. Fruit of the loom 4-4 bleached cottons have been reduced to 7 1-2c for stock goods from 9 1-4c, while several lines of Southern staple ginghams are to be had on a basis of 4 1-2, compared with 5.1-4c recently. Eastern standards are unchanged.

It is expected that printed goods will be revised later, but owing to the scarcity of dye stuffs, radical reductions are not looked for except to move any stock goods in hand. Print cloths and convertibles, brown sheetings and drills, and some other staple lines are quiet. Duck rules steady with fair orders reported for export. General export trade in cotton goods continues light.

There is not a normal business done on fine and fancy cotton, but the week has seen some improvement especially in Western and Southern orders.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Market Maintained Very Good Tone Throughout Yesterday's Session.

New Orleans, Dec. 12.—The cotton market maintained a very good tone throughout today's session closing firm at a net gain for the day of 7 to 9 points. While the demand was only moderate it was more than the ring could supply.

Exports were large enough to attract particular attention and they resulted in some little buying for investment. Total shipments from all ports for the day were far in excess of receipts, the total exported being 79,435 bales against 62,780 received. Of the shipments 62,153 bales were for foreign countries. Exports for the season were 1,801,831 bales.

Spot markets were generally steadier with telegrams from the interior claiming that farmers were offering less cotton than since Thursday, when the government's estimate of the crop made a bearish impression on spot owners.

CLEARING HOUSE CONDITIONS.

New York, Dec. 12.—Statement of the actual condition of the clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows they hold $116,992,400 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of $2,473,230 from last week.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 12.—Raw sugar, steady. Molasses sugar, 324; centrifugal, 3.89; refined, quiet.

Butter—Steady.

Cheese—Steady.

Coffee—Spot, steady. Rio, No. 7, 7⅝@7¾; Santos, No. 4, 10¼.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 12.)

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

POTATOES — Irish potatoes, 80@85c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, yams, 60@65c. per bu.

PEAS—White peas, $2.50@$2.75 bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 7 to 8c.; very dull.

PORK—Small, 10@12 cents.

SHEEP—No sale. Lambs, $1.50 to $2.50 per head; very dull; no sale.

WOOL—Burry, 14 to 15c.; black wool, 16 to 17c.; first-class white wool, 21c. free, 20@21c. per lb.

HIDES—Green salt, 13c.; dry flints, 17c. per lb.; dull.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, 23c.; sides and shoulders, 16c. lb., dull.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per lb.

POULTRY — Chickens, grown, 40@45c. Spring, 15@30c. per head; very dull. Turkeys, 16 2-3c. per lb.; very dull.

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Lv. Durham	7:00a.m.	5:30p.m.
Lv. Lynchburg	2:45p.m.	2:30a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:20a.m.	6:20a.m.
Ar. Columbus	6:45a.m.	7:00p.m.
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In Effect October 12, 1914.
WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH AND INTERMEDIATE POINTS.

EASTBOUND: Leave Front and Princess for Winter Park	Leave Front and Princess for Wrightsville	Leave Front and Princess for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave for for Wilmington
.....	.....	.....	a6:26 A. M.	a6:15 A. M.	.....
a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a6:30 A. M.	a7:36 A. M.	a7:25 A. M.	.....
.....	.....	.....	b7:56 A. M.	b7:45 A. M.	b7:35 A. M.
6:55 A. M.	6:55 A. M.	b6:55 A. M.	a8:51 A. M.	a7:50 A. M.	a7:40 A. M.
a9:00 A. M.	a8:00 A. M.	.....	a8:41 A. M.	a8:30 A. M.	.....
8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	9:36 A. M.	9:25 A. M.	9:15 A. M.
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10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	10:00 A. M.	11:06 A. M.	11:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	11:30 A. M.	12:36 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 P. M.
1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	1:10 P. M.	2:01 P. M.	1:50 P. M.	e1:45 P. M.
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3:30 P. M.	.....	.....	4:06 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
c4:10 P. M.	.....	.....	c4:30 P. M.	.....	.....
4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	4:30 P. M.	c5:10 P. M.	.....	.....
c4:50 P. M.	.....	.....	5:36 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	5:15 P. M.
5:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	.....	6:11 P. M.	6:00 P. M.	.....
6:10 P. M.	6:10 P. M.	.....	6:51 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	.....
6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	6:40 P. M.	7:41 P. M.	7:30 P. M.	7:20 P. M.
7:15 P. M.	7:15 P. M.	.....	8:06 P. M.	7:55 P. M.	.....
8:15 P. M.	8:15 P. M.	.....	8:56 P. M.	8:45 P. M.	.....
9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	9:15 P. M.	10:21 P. M.	10:10 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
10:15 P. M.	10:15 P. M.	.....	10:56 P. M.	10:45 P. M.	.....
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P. M.	.....	11:56 P. M.	11:45 P. M.	.....

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No. 90. 3:40 A.M. Monday morning only.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91. 1:15 A.M. Sunday morning (Saturday night) only.
No. 51. * 5:25 A.M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50. *12:45 A.M.
No. 64. † 5:50 A.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65. † 6:15 P.M.
No. 48. * 7:30 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49. * 6:00 P.M.
No. 53. * 8:45 A.M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52. * 5:05 P.M.
No. 62. * 3:25 P.M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63. *12:50 P.M.
No. 58. * 5:45 P.M.	Chadbourn, Florence, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida Points. Columbia, Asheville and the West. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta, and between Florence and Columbia.	No. 54. *12:50 P.M.
No. 89. † 6:30 P.M.	Fayetteville and Intermediate stations.	No. 60. †10:15 A.M.
No. 42. * 6:45 P.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars, between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41. * 9:45 A.M.

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PROHIBITION AND SUFFRAGE ARE UP

House Members Will Have to Vote Yea or Nay Soon.

BOTH BEFORE HOLIDAYS

Rules Committee Voted to Report Special Rules on Each—Hobson Amendment Comes Up December 22.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Members of the House of Representatives will be called upon to take definite stands on national prohibition and woman suffrage as a result of action today by the Rules committee. It was decided to report special rules for consideration of constitutional amendments on both subjects. Yea and nay votes will be required.

Chairman Henry said the rule on the Hobson prohibition resolution would be presented December 22 and after eight hours' debate would be pressed to a vote. The suffrage resolution, he said, will follow immediately. The action of the committee was taken as evidence that Democratic leaders were determined to limit the holiday to a recess of two or three days.

Prohibition and suffrage supporters immediately began to line up their forces for the coming encounter. Representative Henry issued a statement saying he would vote against both of the proposed amendments. It generally was predicted that the special rule would be passed as a majority vote only is required. Opponents of the two amendments, however, were confident that neither of them would have the necessary two-thirds majority on the final vote.

The prohibition amendment forever prohibits the sale, manufacture for sale, transportation for sale, importation for sale, and exportation for sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof."

The suffrage proposal declares that the right of citizens to vote shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex.

WASHINGTON & LEE TO HAVE ALL-AMERICAN FOOTBALL COACH

Edwin Schultz, Generals' New Leader Picked as Leading Tackle.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lexington, Va., Dec. 12.—Washington and Lee had an All-American player as football coach this season and in 1915 will it not only have an all-American coach, Walter Elcock having been reengaged, but an all-American football captain. Edwin Beswick Shultz, who is the Generals' new leader, was picked by Robert W. Maxwell, football sharp of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, not merely as one of the best tackles in the South, but as one of the two best tackles in the country. Paterson, of Washinton and Jefferson, was the other all-American tackle picked by Maxwell, an all-American player in his time, by the way. This is what expert Maxwell had to say of the man who is to lead Washington and Lee's gridiron forces in 1914:

"Little is known of Shultz up here, but to my mind he is one of the best all-round players the game has produced in years. Shultz is six feet four inches tall, weighs 215 pounds and is remarkably fast and shifty. He spilled every play directed at him this year and was a sure man at taking the forward pass. He would give a good account of himself if pitted against any man in the country."

Shultz is a native of Logansport, Ind., and reached his majority on November 24 last. He prepared for Washington and Lee at Logansport High school, being that team's center for two years excepting in the last two games. Then he shifted to left tackle, a position he has played ever since. Shultz has played three years at Washington and Lee and during his entire football career never once had had time taken out for him. He is one of football's iron men and the only injury he ever sustained at the gridiron pastime was a broken little finger.

GERMAN OFFICER IN TRUNK.

Vigilant British Officer Discovers Ruse. Trying to Leave England.

London, Dec. 12.—A vigilant customs officer at Gravesend today captured a German army officer whom he found hiding in a huge trunk that was about to be shipped to Rotterdam. The trunk was going forward as ordinary merchandise on board the steamer Batavier. The customs officer became suspicious, and gave orders that the padlocks be broken. When the lid was removed a man later identified as a German officer, was lifted out of the box. He was removed to the Gravesend police station. Bedding, food and water were found in the trunk.

It was believed the officer escaped from one of the internment camps in England. It is supposed he was endeavoring to convey information to Germany.

ALBERT APPRECIATIVE.

King of Belgium Responds to Message From American Relief Committee.

London, Dec. 12.—"Your work should save Belgium from famine." In these words King Albert, of Belgium, replied to a message of good wishes sent to him by the American commission for relief in Belgium. "His Majesty," the King's reply continues, "earnestly congratulates your commission on its generous and enlightened initiative. He desires that you should know he is grateful."

New York, Dec. 12.—Some apprehension is felt in tseamship circles over the non-arrival of the French line steamship Florida from Havre which left that port, according to cables sent to the offices here, on November 24th and should have arrived here on Tuesday. She has on board 24 cabins and 15 steerage passengers. Line officials say they believe the ship has been delayed by bad weather.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 12.—A State committee allied with the American section of the International Association on Unemployment, was organized here today. The committee plans to be ready to give assistance to any State, city, town or private activity seeking to lessen the burden of unemployment.

WANTS DESTROYERS AT CANAL ZONE AT ONCE

Goethals, However, Fails to State Any Reason.

Reply Asking for Specific Explanation Sent at Once by State Department, But No Answer Came Last Night.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Col. Goethals has requested that destroyers be sent to the Canal Zone immediately, it was learned tonight, but no specific explanation of the need for naval vessels there was included in the message. A reply asking for this explanation was sent at once but no answer has been received from Col. Goethals at a late hour.

Officials believe, however, that the canal governor has experienced some difficulty in preserving the complete neutrality of the zone, and its territorial waters. Many ships belonging to belligerent nations are in the vicinity, and it is thought possible Col. Goethals has found himself unable to check use of their wireless plants within the three mile limit.

With swift naval vessels to aid it would be an easier matter to regulate use of wireless and it was thought probable tonight the necessary destroyers would be dispatched as soon as Col. Goethals' explanation was received.

Recently activity by British and Japanese warships in the vicinity of the canal zone which followed the disaster to the British fleet under Admiral Cradock, has given rise to some concern here, although no specific reports of neutrality violations have been received so far as known.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS MEET IN WASHINGTON.

Session of Engineers and State Commissioners a Good One.

Washington, Dec. 12.—State highway commissioners and engineers from 27 states were represented here today when the organization of the American Association of State Highway Officials was perfected. All states are expected to be represented in the organization ultimately.

These officers were elected: President Henry G. Shirley, Maryland; vice president, Austin B. Fletcher, California; secretary, Joseph Hyde Pratt, North Carolina; treasurer, F. F. Rodgers, Michigan.

At today's meeting 17 states were represented either by their highway commissioners or engineers, while 10 states were represented by proxy. None but state highway commissioners or engineers will constitute the voting power of the association.

The purpose of the organization is to centralize the work of good roads organizations as far as possible and to secure the holding of one good roads convention annually. It also was decided to co-operate with Federal organizations in the consideration of road problems.

During the day the delegates called on President Wilson.

DEMOCRATS IN CAUCUS

Senate Democrats Plan Programme for Rest of Present Session.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Senate Democrats in caucus today determined to speed up the legislative programme to avoid an extra session after March 4.

It was decided to abandon a long holiday recess, the Senators agreeing to confer with House leaders on a plan to recess from December 22 to December 28 and to remain in session New Year's week except on New Year's day. It was also decided to hold night sessions of the Senate at least once a week and oftener if the steering committee found it necessary.

SOUTHEAST STORM WARNING

Will Extend Along Entire South Atlantic Coast—Also on Gulf.

Observer Felger, of the Wilmington weather bureau, received notice from Washington last night at 10 o'clock to hoist the Southeast storm warning on account of a disturbance off Texas coast which it was stated was increasing in intensity and was moving northeastward and would increase to strong easterly winds by this morning. It was warmer last night and the wind from the South caused the weather man to forecast rising temperatures for today.

Following is a copy of the message received last night:

"Hoist southeast storm warning 10 p. m. Gulf coast from Panama City to Tampa and Atlantic coast from Jacksonville to Wilmington. Disturbance off Texas coast increasing in intensity and will move east northeastward. Winds will increase to strong easterly by Sunday morning.

"BOWIE."

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WANTED—YOUR BROKEN UMBRELLAS to mend. Prices reasonable and work guaranteed. Will send for and deliver them. Keep this for reference. Phone 1967-J. de13-1t

EXPERIENCED WHITE CHAUFFEUR with knowledge of keeping up car, would like position with private owner. References, if required. Apply "Chauffeur," care Star. de13-1t*

IT IS OUR AMBITION TO HAVE THE neatest and most up-to-the-minute lumber yard in the State. Housewives are invited to inspect our plant at any time, without notice. Clark-Lynch Lumber Co. de13-1t

SALESMAN — FOR GENERAL MER-cantile trade in North Carolina to sell a new proposition of merit. Vacancy now. Attractive commission contract for 1915; $35 weekly for expenses. Miles F. Bixler Co., Wholesale Jewelers, 198-50 Carlin Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio. de13-1t*

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FOR SALE — CLAY PEAS, $1.90 PER bushel; mixed, $1.85; dried apples in 50 pound white cotton bags, 4 1-2c. per pound; turkeys, 17c. pound; hens and young chickens, 13c. per pound; fancy creamery butter, 33c. per pound; eggs, 33c. per dozen. These prices all f. o. b. Hickory. Write for prices on other products. Hickory Seed Co., Hickory, N. C. de13-1t*

AGENTS—YOUR CHANCE. NEW ARticle, fast seller, big profits. Exclusive territory to hustlers of neat appearance. Write today. Virginia Specialty Co., Box 1145, Rice, Virginia. de13-1t*

TYPEWRITERS FOR RENT—REM-ington Monarch, Smith-Premier. Visible models, $3 per month. Machines in first class condition. Delivered anywhere. Write for catalogue or telephone 878. Remington Typewriter Co., Wilmington, N. C. de13-5t

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ANNUAL MEETING SECTION 221 IN-surance Department Knights of Pythias, Monday, 7:30, December 14, in Pythian Hall, 208 Princess street. J. F. Littleton, Secretary. de13-1t

FOR RENT — TWO FURNISHED bedrooms, suitable for a couple of gentlemen or three unfurnished room suitable for light housekeeping. Use of phone, lights and gas. Apply to C. P. B. Mahler, 23 S. Second ler, 23 South Second St. de13-1t

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WHY LIVE IN A COLD HOUSE WHEN you can secure an up-to-date and warm apartment at reasonable price? For particulars apply C. P. B. Mah? For particulars apply to C. P. B. Mah-

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WANTED—WOOD! IT IS GENERAL-ly conceded that Whiteman's Wood Yard gives the best quality, quantity and prices in wood. Try it. Phone 850-J. John H. Whiteman. de13-1t

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WARMS—WE HAVE SEVERAL NICE farms for sale at bargain prices. Terms easy. Brown Mercantile Co., Chadbourn, N. C. de13-1t

WHY WORRY OVER THE INSTALLA-tion of your steam power plant, woodworking machinery? We carry a complete line of machinery for every purpose. Our service in every particular is unexcelled and you will never make a mistake in getting all your material from us. Wilmington Iron Works. de13-7t

AMERICAN CASH FRUIT COMPANY run by a man born in Wilmington. Next to Gieschen's, Front and Red Cross street. Fruits, country eggs and New River oysters. Chickens, dressed turkeys, celery, lettuce, all kinds of vegetables. Quick bicycle delivery. 418 North Front St. E. H. Batson, Prop. de13-1t

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FARM FOR SALE—FORTY-EIGHT acres good soil at Chadbourn, N. C., with five-room dwelling, small outhouse, good barn, two new tobacco barns recently built, good well and other conveniences. For further information 'phone 145, or write W. A. McGirt, Real Estate and Farm Lands. de 13-1t

LAND FOR SALE—THREE HUNDRED and sixty acres good land in Pender and only 15 miles from Wilmington. This land can be bought at a very low price. For a good investment see W. A. McGirt, Masonic Temple building. de 13-1t

LOOKING FOR A GOOD FARM?—CALL at my office and let me show you what we have to offer in good farm lands. We have several very desirable farms listed for sale and the prices are extremely low. Call at once—the demand increases. W. A. McGirt, Real Estate and Farm Lands. de 13-1t

FIFTY DOLLARS EASILY MADE next ten days. Have you three dollars for samples? Red Hot Christmas Seller. Two ladies and two gentlemen solicitors wanted for whirlwind canvas. Apply 3 to 5 P. M., today and Monday, 307 South Second street. de 13-1t*

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WANTED—TWO OR THREE UNFUR-nished rooms for light housekeeping by couple without children. Address "Wanted" care Star. de 13-1t*

WANTED—FARM ON SHARES OR position as overseer on farm. For further particulars address Oscar Buck, R. F. D. 2, Wilmington, N. C. de 13-1t*

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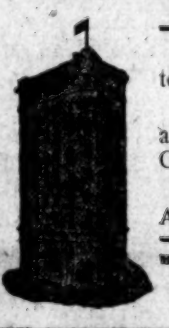

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